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"Let the games begin..."

by Bruce Balboni, Managing Editor

It didn't really hit me until I went onto the field at Columbia's Wien Stadium to wait for Team Maine's entrance. The pre-procession entertainment died down. The teams who had been kept waiting in an outside staging area were then brought into the stadium.

The procession started with the teams from foreign countries. Each one was introduced by name by the announcer's booming voice and accompanied by martial music... and then it happened, unexpectedly, especially for this skeptic. My eyes filled with tears and my heart nearly exploded with pride as those powerful athletes with exuberant faces strode so confidently onto the playing field in such magnificent glory.

Beautiful people all, with such heart-rending enthusiasm, the crowd of

over 20,000 roared its welcome, and the teams, each with its own banners and flags, roared back its appreciation. It was perhaps the most unforgettable moment of gay pride I have ever known.

Mayor Rudolph Guiliani welcomed the crowd in person as did Mayor Frank Jordan of San Francisco (California's team had over 1,000 athletes). Not everyone was happy to hear from these guys. As Jordan walked out to the microphone the crowd was silent, then a plaintive shout shattered the calm, "Asshole" rang out. Jordan was Police Chief in San Francisco when Harvey Milk was assassinated.

President Clinton and Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, sent letters welcoming the Gay Games. Both of

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Team Maine entering the arena at Opening Ceremonies, June 18th. Gold medal story on page 4 with additional commentary and photos. B.Balboni photo

Miss Maine endorses gay rights at Pride weekend

by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

On Friday evening, June 17th Pride Weekend 1994 was officially propelled into motion with a Pride Rally at City Hall. A turnout of perhaps 100 people did not dampen the spirit of celebration and PRIDE. The Gay Men's Chorus gave us a taste of the Freedom Train concert to be performed the following evening. They definitely lifted our spirits and added to the festive mood. As chorus members left for a final rehearsal, emcee Brian Quint introduced

Rita Kissen, a staunch ally of our communities and convener of the Portland P-FLAG chapter. Her poignant remarks are reprinted in her column, NACHAS, appearing elsewhere in this edition.

Next up was Sue Enos of ACTUP/Portland and sixteen year old Sara Riback, a self-identified bisexual and a student at Wayneville School. Ms. Riback recounted her struggles in attempting to form a support group for

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Josette Huntress, Miss Maine, with Rita Kissen, center, & Norm Rasulis

Photo by DOC

Portland man beaten, robbed

Gay bashing casts pall over Pride Weekend

By Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

As if to bring the gay community of Maine back to reality following a pride-filled weekend of parading, celebrating and camaraderie, screams of "Give us your wallet, faggot" filled the night air on Pride Sunday, June 19th. In an exclusive interview, Donald Scott Hermey of Portland, recounted to this reporter the horrific experience he went through as he left his apartment and headed to his lover's apartment on Sherman Street. Randy Weaver waited for Scott, having no idea why he was delayed.

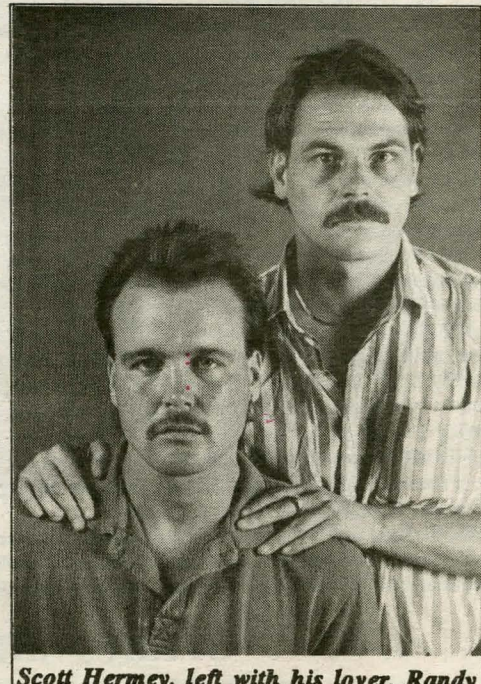
As Scott walked toward the parking lot of PROP on Mellen Street, three men jumped off the retaining wall, demanding Scott's wallet. Scott fled in the direction of his apartment and was chased and hit over the head with a bottle. He kept running, fumbling for his keys to unlock his front door. The men, teens according to Scott, grabbed him before he could open the door, spun him around yelling, "We're going to kill you fag. You're dead. We're going to get your wallet anyway."

Scott took off his leather jacket and using it as a shield, pushed through the middle of the group. One of the men grabbed the jacket and ripped it out of Scott's hands. Another chased Scott down Deering Street with a bottle, tackling Scott on Mellen Street and punching him in the back. Scott somehow

managed to get the assailant off and crawled up the steps of Serenity House yelling for help. Fortunately, his cries for help were heard and lights went on inside the house causing the men to flee.

Scott was brought inside Serenity House where staff called police and an ambulance. Ambulance attendants arrived on the scene and recommended that Scott go to the hospital for stitches and to be checked out. The police arrived and, at Scott's request, they all

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Scott Hermey, left with his lover, Randy Weaver, three days after the attack.

Photo by Studio 101-Everett Hour

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lesbian, gay, bisexual students at her school. According to Riback, the administration continually shut down her attempts. Enos spoke about the work ACT UP/Portland and FATE (Fight AIDS—Transform Education) are doing in the high schools forming and educating student groups about the use of latex and safer sex.

Activist Bea Bell called on the various factions of our communities to work together now more than ever, saying, "We have to do it differently then when we did Equal Protection Portland and Equal Protection Lewiston," alluding to the myriad of opinions voiced on how to conduct a successful campaign and the rift that continues to challenge our unity of purpose. Bell contended

Michael Rossetti, Chair of Portland Pride, who challenged us "not to underestimate the value of our own personal struggles." He went on to remind us that "every great movement or idea started with just one person" referring to the one person in the doorway who refused to leave the Stonewall Inn 25 years ago.

The Rally ended with a reception at First Parish Church where the PRIDE BANNER was on display along with the banner raising money to support Lupida Sequiero, a lesbian activist, traveling from Nicaragua to attend Stonewall 25 events.

We drifted away from the evening's events with hugs and promises of "See you tomorrow at the parade" hanging in the air.



Dykes on bikes led off the Pride Parade - an awesome sight! Photo E. Horr, Studio 101

that "We can have a unity of purpose with a multiplicity approach."

Anne Rand, recent winner of the democratic primary for the Maine Senate, was next to speak. She spoke about her labor background and told the cheering crowd that "The AFL-CIO loudly supports gay rights." She brought greetings from Tom Andrews, who could not attend because of congressional votes taking place that day. Andrews said in a letter sent to Richard B. Freed, "I pledge to you that I will continue to take as strong a stand as I can against discrimination. That's why I am an original co-sponsor of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1994, a bill that would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Alan Stearns, representing the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance spoke next, exhorting those gathered to find ways to say "YES" to our identity as lesbian, gay and bisexual people. "Hang photos of your family at work, flaunt, hold hands in public, come out," said Stearns. His pro-active message urged us to become politically involved, ferreting out and defeating candidates who don't support gay rights.

Josette Huntress, the reigning Miss Maine, appeared in her official capacity in support of equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. She encouraged us to support each other in our common struggle to achieve equal rights. Her support continued at the Pride Parade as she rode in one of the cars, a caring, straight ally.

Concluding the list of speakers was

Saturday morning dawned with full sun and accompanying hot temperatures. The block party on Pine Street (Longfellow Square area) was festive and you could feel the pride welling up and overflowing. Blackstones threw open their doors and added so much to the festivities with their hospitality. Parade Director, Richard B. Freed, along with his parade marshals and other assistants managed to 'whip' the line-up into shape so that we stepped off on time, led by Dykes on Bikes!

Our Grand Marshal, Frannie Peabody, rode regally in a car decked with rainbow flags and a PEABODY HOUSE banner along both sides. Deputy Marshals, Bea Bell and Roland Blais were transported in a place of honor to the cheers of their friends along the sidelines. There were floats from Blackstones, KAOS, the Underground, and cars carrying local celebrities among them our own Ms. Barbara (Bush, that is), and Miss Maine, Josette Huntress.

Many organizations were represented with striking banners and equally striking men and women proudly marching behind them. P-FLAG, ACT UP/Portland, Equal Protection-Lewiston, Sisters, Maine Lesbian Gay Political Alliance and many more put the number of parade participants up around 1000. We stretched for three city blocks once the entire lineup was out on Congress Street. We were an awesome sight!

The parade arrived at Tommy's and Old Post Office Park to cheers. Vendors

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GOOD COOKIN' KATAHDIN

YOUR SUMMER HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your frugal ways lead friends to consider you a "cheapskate." So what if you clip coupons, buy day-old bread, and dine at Katahdin? Thrift is virtue. Towards the end of July you discover a penchant for solving crossword puzzles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful about traveling this summer. You could be accident prone. Anyway, you'd have to travel far and wide to find what we have right here in downtown Portland. Play it safe and come to Katahdin. The weather could change some plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do not sit back and watch summer pass without your participation. Attend festivals, go to the beach. An attractive stranger may volunteer to apply your suntan lotion. Financial matters matter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may have to work with someone who irritates you. Speak softly and carry a big stick. A very old and very, very wealthy relative may visit this summer. If so, it is important to make a very, very, very good impression.

LEO (July 23-August 22): It would be wise for you to pay more attention to your diet. Go vegetarian now and then. Katahdin's Wild Mushroom Ravioli in a seasonal Vegetable Broth is a delicious choice. Be wary of someone trying to influence you with a tale of woe.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): The summer heat may oppress you at times. A bowl of Gretchen's ice cream or sherbet can offer swift relief. You find the answer to an old riddle in August when a camping trip turns damp.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Avoid money-making schemes. If it seems too good to be true it probably is. An old classmate drifts back into your life and you discover that some people look better as they get older. You make up for lost time, and to your amusement, rediscover disco.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): You will read more than ever this summer-trashy books by the pool, magazines in waiting rooms, and most exciting of all-the menu and wine list at Katahdin. Keep in mind that clothes make the man (or woman). Dress to impress.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-Dec. 21): Your diplomacy is put to the supreme test when you are asked to settle a bitter dispute. Offer advice without making accusations. A special friend may ask to see your tan lines.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): All work and no play can make you a dull person. Take up an activity such as hang gliding or bungee jumping, or better yet come in to Katahdin and try our new menu. Start saving for a winter vacation.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): Do not sit back and wait for things to come to you. Get busy and turn your dreams into reality. If your dreams include chocolate, try Katahdin's prize-winning Chocolate Mountain. A relationship needs time to mature. Go easy.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Flirting with a stranger could jeopardize an important relationship. As the moth learned from the flame, some things are too hot to handle. Advice from someone at a distance makes the situation clear. You discover a previously unsuspected mechanical ability.

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moved out to the street so as not to further disturb the residents of the house. According to Scott, the officer began taking a report. At one point during the report, two teens approached and stopped when they saw police. Scott remarked that he thought he recognized one of them at which time the officer went to the youths, questioned them and let them go.

As the questioning continued, Scott says he became more and more agitated and upset. "The officer accused me of being uncooperative and said, 'If you're not going to cooperate, I'm going to leave.'" At this point Scott told the officer that he was "scared and mad," and said, I'm the victim." The officer left. Scott refused the ambulance ride to Maine Medical Center for financial reasons, and was still bleeding from his head wound. He made his way to Randy's house, and Randy called his mother who took them both to the hospital.

It was approximately 1:40 AM. According to Scott, he received a less than cordial reception in the Emergency Room and waited, unattended, head still bleeding, until 3:00 AM when he "made a scene." A doctor came and apologized for leaving him unattended for so long. It took six stitches to close the wound on his head. Scott complained of dizziness and soreness in his legs and knees. He was sent home with instructions to "watch for any signs of infection."

Randy Weaver called the office of **Community Pride Reporter** on Monday morning, angry and upset and confused, with a brief description of the events that occurred the night before. Weaver was under the impression that the police had not taken a report and wanted to know what to do next. I assured him that Lt. Mark Dion of the Portland Police Department would be able to answer his questions and give them both some guidance. I called Lt. Dion and explained what I knew to that point and gave him a contact number. I was assured that they would be contacted. I relayed this to Scott and Randy. I assumed, incorrectly, that the follow up would be immediate.

As of 6:30 PM Monday, I was informed by Randy that they had still not been contacted by Lt. Dion or anyone else in the Portland Police Department. I encouraged them to leave messages for Lt. Dion. On Tuesday morning I called the Attorney General's office in Portland and gave contact phone numbers and a summary of the events. On Wednesday morning, when they still had no word, I called the Attorney General's Office in Augusta and relayed the story to Stephen Wessler, Assistant Attorney General and Director, Public Protection-Civil Rights Unit. He made contact and so did Lt. Dion by 1:00 PM Wednesday afternoon.

CPR will follow up on this story in our August issue with additional statements from the victim, Maine Medical Center and the Portland Police Department. ΔΔ

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From Portland to New York City to Bangor, the Pride Banner marches on!

Photo by DOC

Women's support/ discussion group undergoes change

Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

A former Biddeford based support and discussion group for women, *OUT FOR GOOD*, has changed both its name and meeting location. *OUT AMONG FRIENDS* is now meeting in Portland in order to provide greater accessibility. They meet every Thursday from 7-8:30 PM in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87

Spring Street.

OUT AMONG FRIENDS is a chemical and smoke-free lesbian support, social and discussion group welcoming newcomers who just show up to learn more about the group. The group outgrew its original space in Biddeford some time ago and had to move. This latest move will give them the flexibility to grow and not have to move again. It's a great group. For more information call 799-0297 or fax 676-4433. You may write to O.A.F., P.O. Box 727, Biddeford, Maine 04005. ΔΔ

The U.N. Postcard Campaign

NEW YORK: The U.N. Postcard Campaign is petitioning the General Assembly to demand equal rights for all lesbian, gay and bisexual people. We want the U.N. to amend Article II of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to include the words, "Sexual Orientation."

We plan to accomplish this by delivering 1,000,000 postcards to the fall session of the U.N. General Assembly.

An estimated 3.5 million cards have been mailed to over 2,500 lesbian and gay organizations with a request that they distribute them to members. Over one million cards have been mailed to bookstores and community centers. There remain some postcards waiting to be mailed.

The response has been overwhelming, with returns reaching 1,000 cards a day. Many returned cards are also requesting additional cards be sent. This is truly a grassroots phenomenon. Among groups distributing cards are P-FLAG-Denver, LA, and Puerto Rico, the Office of Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Concerns of the Unitarian Universalist Association-Boston, Dignity-New York, Texas Riders-Houston, Save Your Own Lives-Binghamton, NY, and many others.

Community Pride Reporter has obtained about 800 cards which will be inserted in this issue, going to subscribers and to rural areas in the state. If you want a card, check out your local bar or gay book store or write to The U.N. Postcard Campaign, 245 Eighth Ave., Suite 217, New York, NY 10011. Every returned card counts! ΔΔ



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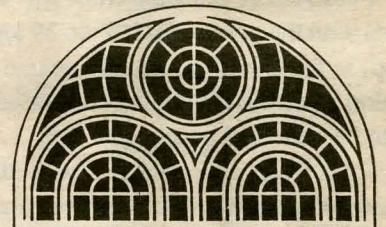
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these politicians endorsed the basic idea behind the games which is the attainment of a personal best, and in that regard, Team Maine distinguished itself brilliantly.

Team Maine won 4 gold medals and several silvers and bronzes.

Andrea Weiss (third from left, holding banner) won 2 gold medals, a silver and a bronze in badminton. One of the gold medals was in the masters singles, the other in the mixed open. She won the silver in the mixed masters and the bronze in the women's open singles.

Weiss' trip was financed by contributions from 36 Mainers and Californians who gathered \$1400. There were two people who spearheaded the effort to send Weiss to New York, her partner Donna and her friend, Meredith.

The group of contributors is comprised of people from all elements of the community, not only gays and lesbians.



Maine's winning relay team won bronze with a little help from #33, a Seattle recruit.

B. Balboni Photo

This group supported Weiss because they love her and because of their confidence in her abilities. In March this same group of people helped Weiss go to the U.S. Senior Nationals in Badminton in Niagara Falls, Canada, where she took a bronze in the mixed doubles.

Weiss said she wanted to participate in the Gay Games because of her desire to make a statement about being visible and being gay.

Paul Alpert (second from left in photo) won the gold medal (55 to 59 age group) in the triathlon, which became a biathlon when the swimming component had to be canceled because of fog.

John Bean of Portland won a silver medal in the 4 x 400m mixed relay along with teammate Jim Estes who also won the silver for the 400m individual and the bronze in the 4 x 200m mixed relay.

Marilyn Gelish, in the 40 to 44 age group, won a gold medal in the 4 x 100 mixed relay, a silver in the 10k and a bronze in the 5k. Jim Bruni fought tenaciously to win the silver in wrestling in the over 36 age group. Beth Thompson won the bronze on the relay team with Estes in the 4 x 200 mixed relay.

But despite these honors, medals

were not what these games were about. Royal Fraser, Team Maine's swimmer achieved a personal best in in the 100m freestyle and John Niles Merrill of Augusta, skated beautifully to music from "A Chorus Line." He executed his double jumps and flying spins with grace and skill in spite of a painful back injury. Reflecting on the Games, Merrill said, "I've competed a lot as an amateur and it was never very friendly, but in New York everyone got along. There was no rivalry."

The figure-skating competition was held at Abe Stark Arena out in Coney Island, and because of the intense heat and humidity, there was a mist hovering just above the ice to about knee level on the skaters. This effect gave the skaters' performances an otherworldly quality that was truly sublime.

The other members of Team Maine are John Cronin, Steve Moskey, Pat Moynahan, Roy Rodgers and Adrienne Turner — Track & Field; Jen Kintner and Bob McCormack — Marathon; Sam Manning — Karate; Gina Scott — Tennis; and, Dan O'Neil — Wrestling.

The Opening Ceremonies were a multi-media extravaganza. There were speeches by Bill T. Jones, the choreographer, and Judith Light, the writer; the national anthem was sung by Joe Steffen, the midshipman, first in his class at Annapolis, who was kicked out of the Navy when he declared his homosexuality; huge video screen greetings from Billie Jean King, tennis pro and coach to Martina Navratilova, and from Greg Louganis, the Olympic Diving gold medal winner who came out that night saying, "It's great to be out and proud." Louganis later attended the diving competition.

Dr. Tom Waddell, 1968 Olympic decathlon participant and founder of the Gay Games, who died recently of AIDS spoke to the crowd via video. At the conclusion of that tape Waddell's daughter made a presentation in honor of her father.

There was music and dance and at the end there was a final dance number that culminated in the lighting of the Olympic flame as fireworks erupted all around the stadium.

These events set the stage for this writer's involvement with the Gay Games. I did my best to get to as many events as possible where Mainers were competing. The attempt proved to be



The opening ceremonies at Columbia's Wien Stadium drew over 50,000

B. Balboni Photo



The Maine contingent poised for the march in the Big Apple.

B. Balboni Photo

grueling. The 98 degree heat, in concert with the scattered venues, and bus and subway travel finally took its toll, and by Saturday I was near collapse. Even though Community Pride Reporter had a press pass, and I had access to all the athletic events, the organizers were not always on their best behavior vis a vis the press.

The Physique competition was one event in which there were no Mainers but, nevertheless, could not be missed. Held at Madison Square Garden to a sell-out crowd, it was fabulous. Judy Tenuta emceed, and the contestants did not disappoint. They were brought out onto the stage in groups in their various categories and then asked to strike their favorite pose — one fellow removed his swim trunks. The audience gasped. He lost.

Aside from the athletic events, I attended several cultural happenings including the Bill T. Jones dance ensemble at City Center, the Elizabeth Streb Dance group at the Joyce Theater and a party at Industria, OUT magazine's photo studio. Nan Goldin, the famous New York photographer, accompanied me on these adventures and her notoriety made them all great fun.

The Jones dance group was the best modern dance performance I have ever seen. The joy of these artists swept over the audience and filled you with an undefinable sense of gladness.

Elizabeth Streb's group was another story however. Their work is terribly avant-garde, involving spring-loaded and sound-equipped mats onto which the dancers threw themselves. It looked painful, and when they got out the climbing gear I headed for the door.

To illustrate the kind of confusion this performance created — someone asked me, "Why are they (the audience) laughing?"

The party at Industria was . . . different. It was a celebrity photo-shoot where people paid \$250 to have their pictures taken by famous photographers. PAT! !, the androgynous character from Saturday Night Live, emceed the floor show and Cyndi Lauper sang. There was a trio of 50 year old triplet singing sis-



Figure skater John Niles Merrill

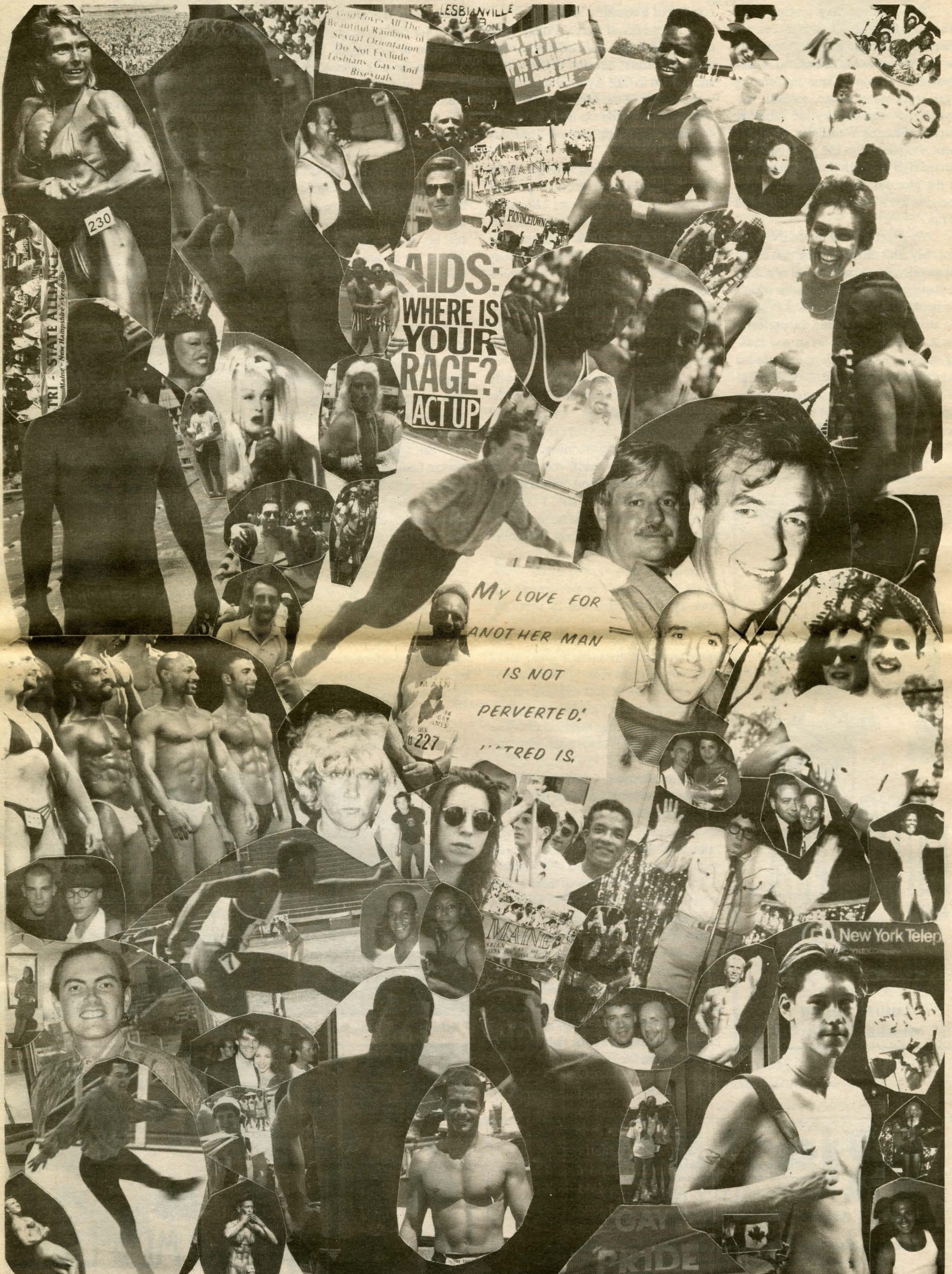
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ters who did country & western favorites. Sir Ian McKellen and Armistead Maupin attended. Madonna showed up. She walked in, looked around, said, "This sucks" and left. I missed it.

Closing Ceremonies

Yankee Stadium hosted the Closing Ceremonies. Over 57,000 people attended. The procession of the athletes was less formal than at the Opening, but the entertainment was no less exciting. At that morning's press briefing we were told that Barbra Streisand might make a surprise appearance and that special permission to land a helicopter had been requested. She didn't surprise us, but if she had, her legend as an icon in the gay community would have been secured to infinity . . . and beyond. (The same rumor surfaced at the Great Lawn Rally at the end of the Stonewall 25 march and

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The faces of PRIDE - a world view by Bruce Balboni

Maine-ly For You Festival draws over 200 womyn for weekend of fun

by Faith Worthley, Contributor

Two-hundred-fifty women gathered together on 33 plus acres in Harrison, Maine to enjoy the Maine-ly for You Womyn's Music Festival. Gates opened at 12 noon on June 2nd offering a full weekend of music, softball, volleyball, get-togethers by the campfire and lots of laughs. Workshops, entertainment and playing in the great outdoors carried right through Sunday afternoon as the glorious weather and abundant energies fed a warm, relaxed weekend of fun.

My experience at the festival was probably a bit different from that of the campers as my attendance was as a work exchange participant. The work wasn't too hard to take as my role was to act as the artist liaison, greeting the performers at the Bed and Breakfast and making sure they had everything they needed throughout the weekend. The wonderfully pleasant accommodations and the opportunity to get to know the musicians were indeed a treat that added to the

comfort of a beautiful setting.

My weekend started Friday afternoon when I was welcomed by the festival organizers, directed to the B & B and invited to take my time acclimating to the beauty of the Maine woods. D.J. Deb filled me in on the bonfire and top 40 dance that happened on Thursday night.

Friday afternoon offered workshops, games and picture perfect weather. At 7 o'clock it was 2 Steppin' / Line Dancing time on the stage. Instructors Mimi Eber and Pat Medina were great fun to watch as their synchronicity and style flowed with grace and precision. D.J. Deb spun the tunes in between dependent and independent variables, (we were working on a research paper), and the evening was both informative and great fun.

Bear Mountain Village is a lovely campground which sits on a lake at the base of Bear Mountain. On the top of the mountain is a little red cabin which I found myself wanting to investigate. As I sat on the sandy beach watching the paddle boats, canoes and friends dumping each other in the water, I couldn't help but wonder about the images available from such a magnificent viewpoint. Needless to say, I did not make the climb as the opportunity to relax by the water, listen to the open mic performers and soak up the sunshine was far more appealing.

Mid-afternoon, Saturday, was spent watching the softball game, and I want you to know these girls were serious. It was about 180 degrees on the field, but that didn't hinder their enthusiasm, energy or impressive skills. The 2 steppers from P-town kept score using twigs.

Late afternoon found me out in the middle of the lake in a canoe and it was gorgeous. Just enough of a breeze to keep the bugs at bay while we floated aimlessly, listening to the birds, watching the waterbugs and me still wondering what it would be like up there in that cabin. As we headed back to shore the wind kicked up and my stamina was put to the test. My canoe partner did not facilitate my effectiveness as she called out, "huh, huh" with each stroke, resulting in my bursting into hysterics and the canoe constantly threatening to go backwards. My favorite pair of sunglasses are now peering at all the fish from the bottom of the lake.

When we finally made it back, it was time to go back to the Inn, do a last minute check on everybody's status and head back to the campground for what proved to be a rich night of entertainment. Julie Wheeler's antics and wit as M.C. for the evening were a welcome addition to the night's festivities. Her between-the-sets monologues were hilarious, and performer introductions were both heartfelt and fun.

Leah Zicari began the evening with humor, political commentary and songs from the heart. Truly an eclectic songwriter, Leah's lyrics are both accessible and poignant, which in turn are enhanced by her skillful guitar playing. Her rendition of "Glory, Glory", gay style, offers her social consciousness while engaging her audience. My favorite tune was a riotous commentary concerning the need for more stalls in the women's bathroom, as the apparel requiring removal warrants more time for women to do their thing than is needed by men. As Leah launched into the specifics of zippers versus buttons, Tania Hubacher's sign language interpretation sent the audience howling. Truly a hilarious performance by both.

Erica Wheeler graced the stage following Leah with a warm intensity that brought a hush to the audience. Her songs of personal struggle and contemporary issues are so rich with imagery, that one can't help but be there with her. Erica's tasteful guitar playing and quiet strength of presence on stage compliment her outstanding lyrics in a way that causes you to contemplate her message and ponder your own journey.

Suede took over the stage to close, and what a performance she gave. An incredibly accomplished musician on guitar, keyboards, trumpet and vocals,


her soulful, bluesy jazz style is extraordinary. Dispersed throughout her tunes were wonderful stories illustrating both her sharp wit and wonderful sense of humor.

Truly an entertainer who likes to have fun on the stage, her playful interaction with Tania and with the audience draws you in and makes you want to listen. Suede closed her set with a beautiful song she introduced as the one that will someday win the grammy and left us all chanting, "Grammy, Grammy".

As the campers headed back to their sites for smores and fires, I went back to the Inn to find Laura Berkson, Suede and Smith & Bakken gathered in the living room sharing songs and stories. This was one of the highlights of the weekend for me as it was truly an illustration of the warm energy and interactions that were the theme of the festival. It was also an opportunity for me to hear some of Laura's music which was captivating and so genuinely reflective of the strength of the human spirit. I was sorry not to be able to stay on Sunday to enjoy the rest of the weekend's line-up.


Laura Berkson, Smith & Bakken and the Lesbian Lounge Lizards performed Sunday under another glorious blue sky, encouraging concert attendees and offering a lucrative afternoon for the 20 or so vendors who were there.

I said my good-byes reluctantly Sunday morning thanking Rita and Kare for putting on a wonderfully rich, active and restful weekend in a setting that generates warmth, camaraderie and good feelings. I hope to see you all in August (the weekend of the 25th), when we will be given an opportunity to enjoy another outstanding line-up of performers in the perfect setting to share with friends, old and new. ΔΔ



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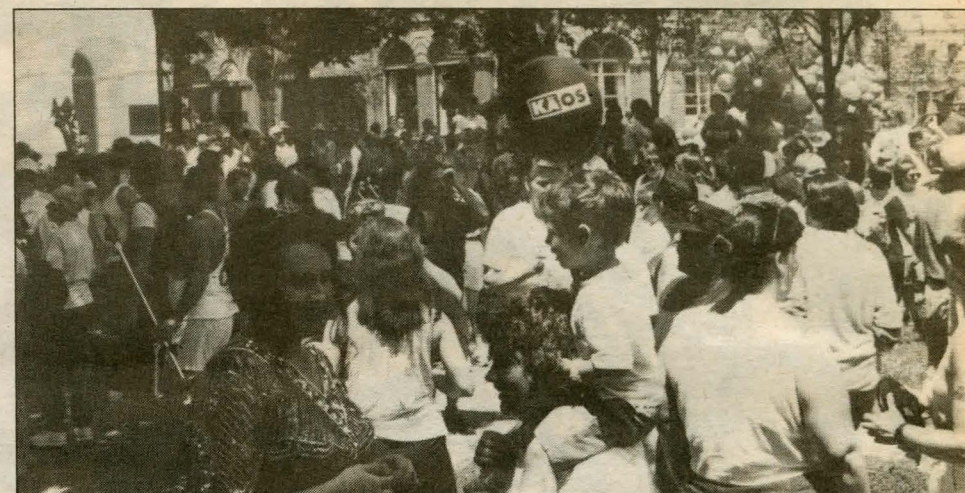


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In These Times: Living with homophobia

All of us live with homophobia in our daily lives. It is both overt and covert, expressed knowingly and unknowingly, and experienced by lesbians, gay men and bisexuals consciously and unconsciously. In this series, I want to explore with you not just the meanings of homophobia and heterosexism, but more importantly, how each of us must deal with it on a day to day basis.

Blatant and sometimes violent attacks on gay people occur every day in America. Unfortunately, too many of us have been the subject of those attacks. While many of us, thankfully, don't suffer from physical attacks, we still suffer from attacks. Each day our invisibility as gay men and lesbians is also pointed out to us. We are dehumanized.

The most powerful and overarching aspect of homophobia in our culture is the **presumption of heterosexuality**. That is, all people are assumed to be heterosexual. For us that means that we are constantly faced with a set of options or choices that revolve around our coming out to whomever expresses that presumption. How many times have you been presented with such a situation?

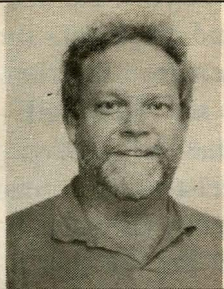
For me, one of the ways I've experienced this is when people are flirting. Believe me, flirting is great! But I've never been sure how to respond when a woman flirts with me. If I say nothing, am I leading her on? If I say 'I'm gay, what are the consequences? I wish that same-sex flirting was as acceptable as opposite sex flirting. The only time I feel comfortable flirting is when I'm in an all gay environment. While this is a minor issue, we are often confronted with more serious situations.

When I was a teacher, students would innocently ask if I were married or had a girlfriend. With the current level of homophobia in education, it would be dangerous in some circumstances to say, "No, but I have a lover or a boyfriend." For years I longed for the freedom to say that. In fact, the first time I told students I was gay was when I was leaving at the end of the year to go to graduate school. It was a safer way to own who I am since the consequences were minimized by my leaving. However, in many work situations it is very dangerous to come out. What experiences have you had on the job? How have you dealt with them?

In our daily lives we are often faced with homophobia that forces us to make choices. The stress of living in a homophobic world inflicts a serious toll on our spiritual, financial and social lives. I am interested in hearing from you about your experiences. I'm hoping that we can make this column a dialogue so that we can all learn from each other. We know that homophobia is systemic and ever present, but sometimes we are less clear as to how it rears its ugly head and what our options are when that happens. Let's talk more about it through this column.

As we look at this topic, we can keep in mind that another insidious rule of a homophobic society is the no-talk

David Smith



rule. We are never supposed to talk about being gay - that is how they try to keep us invisible. If we do mention our homosexuality, we are often accused of flaunting it. People say, I don't care what you do but why should I have to hear about it? Yet, we are bombarded by heterosexuality all the time. People who are heterosexual often talk about their partner or spouse or family. The media presents heterosexuality as the only way people are created.

Once, when I was attending a week long Peace Conference, we began by introducing ourselves and telling a little about our lives. I spoke of being in graduate school and living with my lover Tom. Later a participant questioned me. She said, "Why did you have to mention that you are gay? It's irrelevant." I said that it was not irrelevant to me and that she had shared that she was a Catholic nun. Why did she say that? It took her a whole week to get the point!

Another example of not speaking about being gay came from my family of origin. It was early in the epidemic and I was being interviewed on a television program. They were investigating an ambulance company who had refused to pick up a person with AIDS and transport him to the hospital. I had said that this was unacceptable and the reporter asked me, "But aren't you afraid of AIDS?" I said that as a gay man I certainly was afraid, but not afraid enough to deny someone basic medical care and rights. I thought it was a good interview and sent a tape to my parents. When they saw it my father commented, "No one asked him if he was gay, why did he have to tell them he was gay?" I had broken the no-talk rule.

Lately, in our own community, we are being asked to be quiet in many ways by conservative gay people. They want us to dress properly and be responsible and mimic heterosexual culture. They believe that this will bring about acceptance. Dykes on bikes and drag queens, they believe, only bring about more discrimination. What a naive thought! It sounds to me like the abused child who thinks that if he or she is good enough mommy and daddy will finally love them. This type of denial is dangerous in our community.

Let's hear from you. What are your thoughts. Write to David Smith, c/o Community Pride Reporter, 142 High Street, Portland, Maine 04101 Think about all the ways homophobia affects your life. How often do you have to watch what you say? How accepting are people when you talk about a great new person you met? What level of support do you receive from your family of origin? How painful is it to hear the same

old stereotypes about lesbians and gay men being repeated? Most importantly, if homophobia didn't exist how would your life be different? Write soon and include an address and phone number so that we can contact you if we choose to print any of your comments. Thanks. See you next month. ΔΔ

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Seacoast NH P-FLAG hosts discussion on antidiscrimination law.

STRATHAM, NH—Two journalists from the Seacoast area [of New Hampshire] will lead a discussion at P-FLAG's next support meeting about how members and friends can help with a second try to pass an antidiscrimination law in the NH Legislature next year. To spark discussion, reporter Lance Helms from the Portsmouth Herald and a gay man, and broadcast journalist Susan Gage, will show video excerpts of an April, 1994 press conference sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

The next regular support meeting will be held Tuesday, July 6, at the Stratham Community Church, Emery Lane (just south of the junction of Routes 108 and 101 in Stratham). Small support groups will begin promptly at 7:00 pm, followed by refreshments and the program at 8:00 pm. Support meetings for Parents, Families and Friends NH: Seacoast are held regularly at this location on the first Tuesday of each month.

P-FLAG meetings are a safe, confidential and caring place. A lending library of books, audio and video tapes and pamphlets dealing with gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues are also available. The meetings are friendly and newcomers may talk as much or as little as they wish. All are welcome.

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were already set up as was the stage area and we moved into the next phase with speeches, entertainment, socializing, spending money and trying to find a shady spot to cool off. Following the festival, folks wandered off to various Tea Dances and parties lasting well into the wee hours, sponsored by the local bars.

The Maine Gay Men's Chorus performed at the State Theater at 8:00 PM to top off a spectacular day in Portland Pride history. This was by far the best Pride event in Portland to date. As a community, we owe much to the Pride Committee members who worked so tirelessly to organize and pull off this event without a major hitch. ΔΔ



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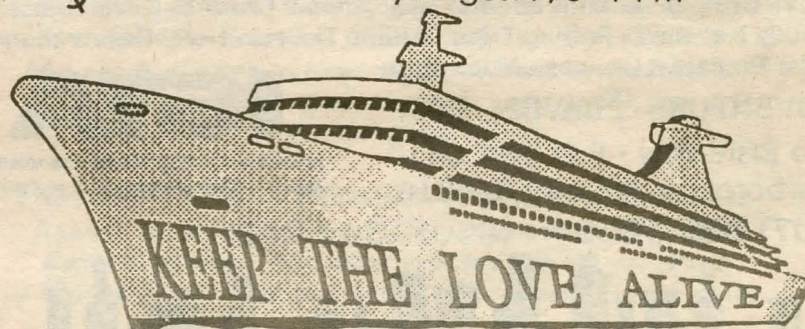
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NACHAS!

By Rita M. Kissen

(NACHAS: a Yiddish word meaning "pride," pronounced with the accent on the first syllable, which rhymes with "Bach.")

On Friday, June 17, I had the honor of speaking at the Portland Pride rally on the steps of City Hall along with other members and allies of Portland's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. This month's column is the text of my words at that rally.

I'd like to dedicate my words tonight to all the families living with HIV and AIDS, who teach us by their example that the most important thing we can do on this earth is to love each other, right now—right here.

We are standing here because 25 years ago this month, a group of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, transsexuals, cross dressers and drag queens stood up to the goon squads of the New York City police and said, NO MORE. You can hate us, you can laugh at us, you can call us names, but you are not going to silence us any more.

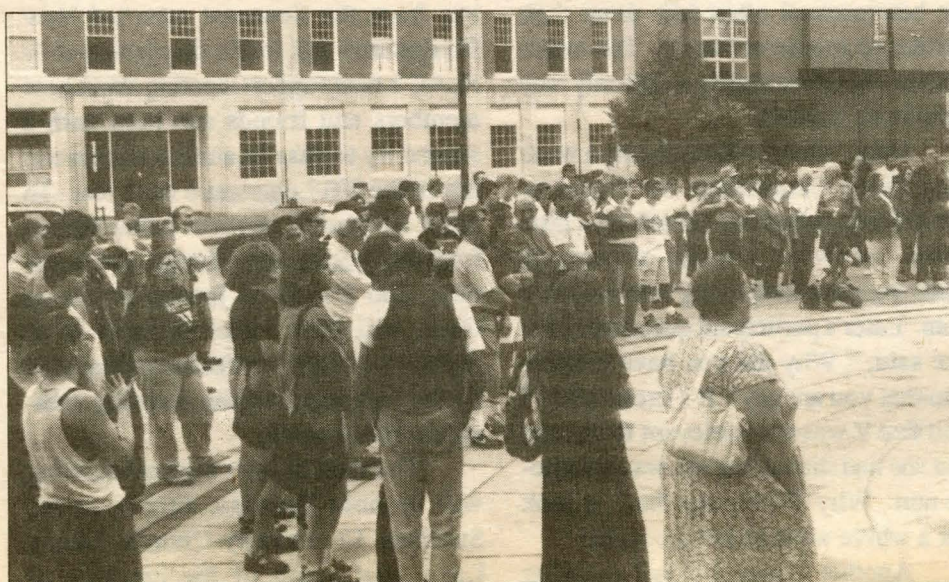
And I am here tonight because 12 years ago this month, a woman named Jeanne Manford carried a sign down the streets of New York City that said, "PARENTS OF GAYS, UNITE IN SUPPORT FOR OUR CHILDREN." She was marching beside her gay son Morty, who had been beaten and pushed down a stairwell during a gay rights demonstration in front of the New York Hilton Hotel, while the police looked on. The cheers that greeted Mrs. Manford were so overwhelming that for a few blocks she thought they were meant for Dr. Spock, the famous baby doctor-turned activist, who was marching behind her with a contingent of Viet Nam veterans. But the cheers, the applause and the tears were for Jeanne Manford, the first parent to declare publicly what thousands of us

have said since then: We love our gay children, and we won't stop marching until they are treated with the dignity and justice they deserve.

Today, P-FLAG is an international organization with over 300 chapters in every state and 11 foreign countries, and our mission is still the same. We are there for the parents who have just heard the words, "Mom, Dad, I'm gay," and don't know what to do next. "We can't tell the neighbors—what would they say?" "We can't tell grandma—she has a weak heart." We are there to say to those parents, Come out to the neighbors; at least one of them is going to say, "You too? We thought we

We are there when demagogues speaking in the name of religion call our children evil and sick, when landlords and employers fire them and evict them from their homes. We are there to say NO MORE—and to demand that our lesbian, gay and bisexual relatives and friends be treated with dignity and equality.

Let me tell you a little story about what coming out of the closet really means. Last Tuesday, which happened to be election day, a father I know went into the post office in a small town in rural Maine. Before he could mail his letters, a couple of people beckoned him over to a table and asked if he wouldn't like to sign



Crowd at Portland Pride Rally listen attentively to challenging speakers. Photo by DOC

were the only ones." And come out to grandma. As far as I know, no one has ever died because they found out they had a gay relative. It's the closet that's killing gay men and lesbians, and we need to change that.

We are there for our sons and daughters, our sisters and brothers, our aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, when they are gay baited and gay bashed at school, at work, in the street. We are there for the mothers and fathers who have suffered the most unspeakable tragedy any parent can endure, the death of a child, while America continues to respond to AIDS with indifference and denial.

a petition to keep homosexuals from getting "special rights." This man is so peaceable that I can't even imagine him raising his voice. But apparently he did. He looked those people in the eye and said, "No, I won't sign your petition. Do you want to know WHY I won't sign it?" (They did.) "I am a member of P-FLAG. Do you know what that stands for?" (They didn't.) "It stands for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—and I'd like to know who gave you permission to solicit signatures on federal property!" The signature seekers' mouths dropped open. The postmaster stopped counting his change.

The customers stopped licking their stamps. Everybody listened, and everybody heard. You can be sure that by now everyone in that town knows that one of their neighbors has a gay child—but more important, they all know that that dad loves his child as much as they love theirs. That's what coming out of the closet can lead to.

This year, P-FLAG has changed its name to reflect our expanded mission in the '90's. We are now Parents, FAMILIES and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Our new name is our way of telling the world that we know the real meaning of family values. Many of us come to P-FLAG asking what we did wrong to make our kids gay, and how we can fix it. It doesn't take us long to realize that it's not our kids who need fixing. It's not our kids who need to change. It's the world that needs changing, and we're working to change it, one step at a time.

In the introduction to his last anthology, A Member of the Family, John Preston wrote, "I had to leave my family to be gay." When you march down Congress Street tomorrow, whether you grew up in Maine or moved here last week, know that this is your home, and that we will be marching with you until every gay, lesbian and bisexual person is at home in their family, in their city, and in their world. You are our children, and we love you!

Note: With this month's column, "Nachas" will take an indefinite sabbatical from CPR. While I love writing in this space every month, I need to devote my energies right now to other projects, including research for my book-in-progress about the lives of lesbian and gay teachers. I fully expect to resume writing regularly for CPR in the future; I can't imagine life without it! ΔΔ

Editor's Note: It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have Rita Kissen in my life as a friend and ally, and as a regular columnist in CPR. Rita, you will be missed and I look forward to your return to these pages when you are ready. Good luck with your projects. I can't wait to read the book!

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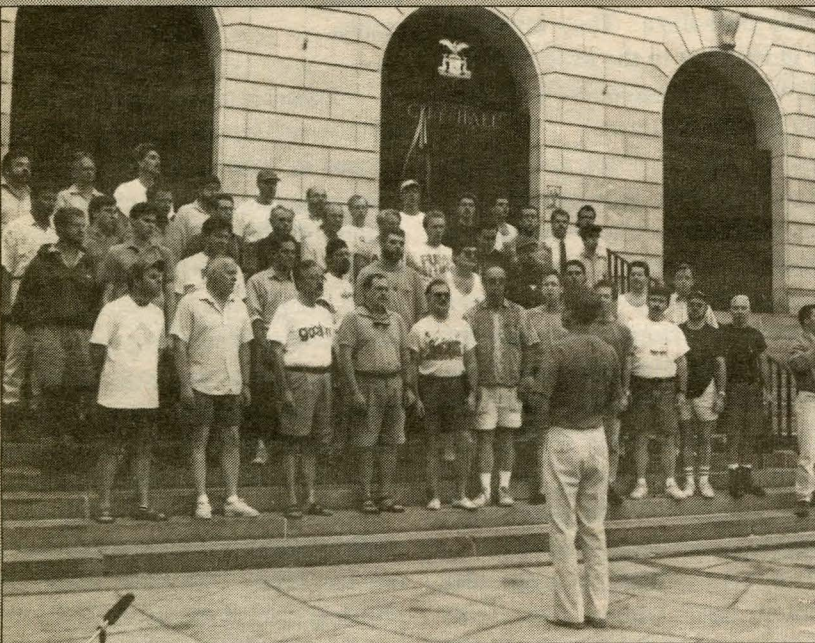
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by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

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In a letter to CPR, Ms. Lambert said, "We believe this project reflects one answer to the growing and important need for all of us to face the rapidly changing nature of family life in our culture. These changes do not always need to be seen as 'family deterioration' or 'crisis in the American family,' but, as we see it, a reflection of the creative perseverance of people and their capacity to evolve new structures and new ways of being together. In our view, these are complex and exciting times. We want to honor people who transcend the struggles and do 'family' well."

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EDITORIAL

"It is not the Christians who are going to be fed to the lions in November. It is the Democratic Party." Those words, venomously blurted out by Pat Buchanan, sent me into a near death experience as I tried to scream and swallow my morning coffee at the same time. The Today Show was doing a segment on how much the Radical Right is influencing the political face of America.

The reporter went on to say that the Radical Right's candidate for governor in Minnesota won handily. In Virginia, Oliver North won the Republican nomination for Congress, 2000 School Boards have been infiltrated by these extremists, and unexpected victories in New York have added momentum to the Radical Right in their quest to outlaw our very lives.

The June 23-29th edition of Bay Windows reported on the right-wing's secret plans for gay, lesbian, bisexual, pro-choice, etc., people. Thirty five religious right-wing organizations from around the country met in Colorado recently to map out their strategy to annihilate us. Tapes smuggled out of this meeting clearly state that the top priority of the 1990's for right-wing organizations is the defeat of gay and lesbian rights. The methods for doing this are truly frightening and include compiling

a data base of gay and lesbian supporters, including politicians, businesses, judges and journalists. They intend to link our movement to the Mob through some convoluted connection with pornography and prostitution.

And in Maine, Paul and Susan Madore of Lewiston, anti-gay extremists, won their respective nominations for the State legislature.

I know none of us wants to believe that Buchanan's statement has any resemblance to truth. However, unless we all get involved in educating ourselves and our friends, particularly with an eye toward our straight friends, we may wake up to a very different state of affairs after the November election.

"I'm not political" is a suicidal statement in these times. Ask Scott Hermey (see page 1 story) if he wants "special rights" or just plain protection from rowdies who think it's okay to beat up and rob "faggots." How quickly the euphoria of Pride celebrations dissipates. There are way in which we must become similar to the radical right. We must begin to think, act, develop strategies and move NOW, not after the summer, or when the weather gets cooler. Every minute counts. Attend, and become involved in an Equal Protection Maine meeting in your area. If there isn't one,

start one. Join one of several other groups addressing this attack on our rights.

Switching to a lighter note, it was with a real sense of accomplishment that I typed in Volume 2, Number 1 on the front page masthead this month. Twelve issues of CPR published; there were times... A heartfelt thank you to the many people who volunteer their time and talents to bring this paper to the community. A thank you to the many advertisers who continue to be supportive. And a big thank you to you, the readers. Here's to typing Volume 3, Number 1!

As you have probably noticed, CPR has undergone a few changes since our last issue. We have expanded the physical size of the paper to accommodate both our expanding advertiser base, and our expanding news coverage. We hope you like our addition of a more formalized Arts and Entertainment section with A & E editor, Joe Morgan.

HAPPY 4th BIRTHDAY to Drop Me A Line. Jim, Roger and the staff were front page on CPR's first issue. Many happy returns for both of us!

In solidarity,

GUEST EDITORIAL: Gays, lesbians and the struggle for just-us?

by B.J. Broder

When we say the word men, we mean to include women. Everyone knows this.

Homosexuality is just a phase. It's a stage of development. They'll outgrow it.

Exclusive language. Inaccurate, condescending remarks about our sexual orientation. We've all experienced them. They frustrate, but don't surprise most of us anymore.

Yet equally disappointing and problematic are the exclusive language used and condescending remarks made within our own community. I refer par-

ticularly to the lack of acknowledgment and legitimacy given to bisexuals, transsexuals and the transgender community when we speak of the "gay/lesbian community" and to the questioning and scrutinizing of those different from, yet among, us.

I am disturbed and grieved by these behaviors, yet I have participated in both.

Last year a seminary colleague of mine asked that I show him around "Gay Boston". Though heterosexually identified, he wanted to know more about what homosexuals experienced in order to improve his pastoring to them. The frequency and intensity of his interests led me to believe that he had more at stake than his pastorate, but I did not push for explanations or justifications. Rather, I included him in activities and attempted to answer his questions.

At the beginning of this school year, the same friend shared with me that he had come to realize that he is, in fact, bisexual. A never-married man in his mid-forties, he is not sure if he will enter into relationships with men, but is clear that he's attracted to them.

Well, that's progress, I thought. But, it's just a phase in his development, a step towards coming to terms with his homosexuality. At least he's come this

far. He'll get there, just give it time.

These thoughts continue to appall me. How was this any different from my late father's belief that my homosexuality was just a phase that I'd outgrow? Wasn't this similar to my ethics professor's view that homosexuals are stuck in a developmental phase in the achievement of that ideal called heterosexuality?

Why was I so intent on making him like me? Just because I am not bisexual doesn't negate its viability or essence for him. Why on earth was I threatened? What did I have at stake with our differing orientations? Was I being biphobic? Mamma Mia!

On a less personal, yet important note, I've observed some real resistance to using more inclusive language within our community. Those suggesting that we include the words bisexual, transsexual and transgendered in addition to gay and lesbian are frequently reminded that "Oh, everyone knows we mean them, too," or "It just gets too cumbersome. We can't list everyone." I wonder how this differs from the sexist view of "We all know that the pronoun [he] also means she," and heterosexist comments such as "husband and wife in-

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GUEST EDITORIAL: EPM / Bangor invites candidates to PRIDE

by Jim Martin, Co-Chair, EPM/Bangor

During the heat of a political campaign, candidates make many promises hoping to gain our support in the voting booth. Yet, when the election results are tallied and the winners announced, candidates suddenly fall victim to a form of amnesia which leaves them unsure as to the exact promises made. This disorder is particularly common among candidates who work to elicit gay, lesbian, and bisexual support.

Why do politicians work so tirelessly for our endorsement? First, we are mostly conscientious constituents who VOTE! Second, we have a lot of energy and we are willing to support our convictions by volunteering on campaigns and making donations. These combined traits make the "gay vote" a significant factor, particularly in close elections. But, do the campaign promises pan out?

As we remember, Governor McKernan promised the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance that he would al-

low the antidiscrimination act to become law. However, once in office and passage of LD-246 looked imminent, he quickly maneuvered to sabotage the bill, because of extreme pressure from the Religious Right. This is probably the most dramatic example of how politicians make shallow promises and then leave us in the cold.

This year we must be particularly cautious about whose promises we heed. We, as citizens of Maine, have every right, and the responsibility to ask the candidates where they stand, what they have done in the past, and what they will publicly endorse, the latter being the most significant commitment in today's political climate.

In this year's race for the Blaine House, we were fortunate to have four gubernatorial candidates supporting civil rights, to a greater or lesser degree. They also stated that they do not support the anti-gay initiative being circulated by CMF. Therefore, we are extending a challenge to all those who would have us donate our time, energy and votes by

inviting them to our Pride Festival. Our invitation, however, does not include the use of our microphone. In an effort to determine true commitment, candidates can participate in our parade and festival, meet their would-be constituents and set up information booths at Paul Bunyon Park. We want the politicians to have an opportunity to answer OUR communities' hard questions.

It will be interesting to see the distinction between those who are willing to stand against hate and those who just spit out the rhetoric when appropriate. Will Brennan make an appearance after snubbing the MLGPA gubernatorial forum? Will Republican hopeful Susan Collins hold true to her support of civil rights for gay and lesbian citizens? What about Angus King and Jonathan Carter? Come out and meet those who say they can best represent your interests.

I wonder what Concerned Maine Families will do, considering there are NO gubernatorial candidates in support of its hate campaign. *Sorry Carolyn!*

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cludes lovers and partners, too. We can't list everyone. Where will it stop?" Hopefully nowhere, just yet.

The point is that the struggle for equality and justice do not stop with just-us. When we exclude or discriminate against those differing from us, we do unto others as has been done unto us, rather than as we'd have done unto us. True justice is not attained here, but rather is used as a means of and for just-us.

And so long as there is a "just-us" for anyone, anywhere, there will be "justice" for everyone, nowhere. $\Delta\Delta$

B.J. Broder recently completed his theological studies at Andover Newton Theological School where he served on their Committee on Institutional Racism and Sexism for 2 years. He will enter the University of Maine School of Law this fall.

CPR MAILBAG

The following letter was sent to the Maine Sunday Telegram with copies to the gay press

Dear Editors:

It was disappointing to see the Sunday Telegram's coverage of the eighth annual Portland Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride celebration on June 18 limited to a single photograph of a drag queen, buried in a back section of the paper.

Seeing only this photo, your readers would have no idea of the tremendous diversity among the 1500 people — parents and youth, religious groups, musicians, political and social organizations, AIDS activists, straight allies, etc. — who marched down Congress Street in joy and affirmation. Later that

evening at the State Theater, a sell-out audience of 900 people heard the Maine Gay Men's Chorus present an extraordinary concert of songs of freedom from around the globe.

This year's Portland Pride celebration was the most successful ever, a reflection of a self-confident and productive community which grows stronger in spite of efforts from the radical right to stereotype us and deny us our freedom. Like America itself, the greatest strength of the lesbian, bisexual and gay community is its diversity — women and men, grandparents and children, teachers, farmers, clergy and drag queens. A responsible press must accurately reflect that diversity.

Yours truly,
Howard M. Solomon, Portland

Community Pride Reporter

Our Mission

Community Pride Reporter serves as a source of local, state, national and international news, information, ideas and opinion by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people of Maine and seacoast New Hampshire. CPR strives to increase awareness and acceptance of the rich diversity among us, with the intention of infusing the word community with renewed meaning and vitality. CPR pledges to present materials that contribute in positive ways to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

Our Editorial Policy

Views and opinions, political and personal, expressed in CPR are those of this individual authors only. CPR may endorse candidates we feel represent our community most completely. CPR disclaims legal responsibility for errors in editorial, or advertising content, as all reasonable care is taken to prevent such errors. If an error has significantly detracted from the clarity of information presented, the Publisher may consider printing a clarification at her discretion.

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CPR encourages readers to write! Material submitted for publication must be legibly signed and include address and/or phone number for verification. Please keep letters to the Mailbag 250 words or less. Slightly longer and more composed submissions may be considered for a guest editorial at the Publisher's discretion. If requested, the Publisher may agree to withhold the name of an author for appropriate reasons.

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Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, an international organization whose mission is to provide support for families, to educate members and the public, and to advocate for the civil rights of all, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people.

In New Hampshire, P-FLAG monthly support meetings are held in Concord, Nashua, Peterborough, Hanover, and Plymouth. For more information call 603/623-6023. For information about P-FLAG NH: Seacoast, call 603/772-3893 or 603/772-6221.



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July 1994 Calendar of Events

Friday & Saturday, July 8th & 9th:

•**Δ Evening** - Left Bank Cafe, Blue Hill. Dinner & evening of comedy with Judith Sloan, performance activist. FMI and reservations, 374-2201.

Saturday, July 9th:

BANGOR PRIDE !!

ΔΔ 11:00 AM - Assemble for PRIDE PARADE at Fleet Bank, Exchange St., Bangor. Bring banners! Decorate your vehicle! Celebrate! Show your PRIDE! FMI, 990-3428.

ΔΔ 11:30 AM - BANGOR PRIDE PARADE steps off, winding its way through downtown to Paul Bunyon Park.

ΔΔ 12:30 PM - FREEDOM FESTIVAL at Paul Bunyon Park on Main Street.

Sunday, July 10th:

ΔΔ 12:30-3:00 PM - Mothers and Kids Group: Social gathering for lesbians and their children. Those interested in becoming parents are welcome. FMI and location, call 774-5549.

ΔΔ 1 PM (Maine)/2 PM (NB) - Northern Lambda Nord Library Day in New Sweden. Regular monthly meeting follows at 4 PM/5 PM with a barbecue at 6 PM/7 PM. FMI, 207/498-2088.

Monday, July 11th:

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Equal Protection Maine/Portland Chapter. St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Parking lot off Park St.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Seacoast Gay Men host Kim Gallagher of Seacoast Astrological Association. Unitarian Church, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH. FMI, Al Santerre (603) 898-1115.

Thursday, July 14th:

ΔΔ 7:30-9:00 PM - The Matlovich Society: Coming Out of the Closet — How I Did It. Hear how members of our community have experienced the coming-out process. Holi-

day Inn By The Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to mobility-impaired. Free hotel parking.

Friday, July 15th:

•• 7-9:30 PM - GRAND OPENING Open House, SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends, share thoughts & ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Saturday, July 16th:

•• 7-9:30 PM - Creativity Night, SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Bring your latest creative project to work on or learn new crafts. FMI, 725-7632.

Sunday, July 17th:

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Seacoast Gay Men Prescott Park Arts Festival night at Broadway musical Annie. Cookout on the harbor at 3:00 PM (free/optional donations). Information & directions: Al Santerre (603) 898-1115.

Monday, July 18th:

•• 7-9:30 PM - Self-help support group for women. SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St. Topsham. Focus is on healing & recovery. FMI, 725-7632.

Wednesday, July 20th:

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - EPM/Portland Coalition Building Committee, 50 Morning St.

ΔΔ 8 -9:30 PM - Lesbian Movie Night at Sisters, 45 Danforth St., Portland. \$5 donation. Out For Laughs and Framing Lesbian Fashion.

Friday, July 22nd:

•• 7-9:30 PM - Open House, SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends share thoughts & ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Monday, July 25th:

•• 7-9:30 PM - Self-help support group for women. SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE,

67 Main St. Topsham. Focus is on healing & recovery. FMI, 725-7632.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Equal Protection Maine/Portland chapter. St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Parking lot on Park St.

ΔΔ 7:00 PM - Seacoast Gay Men annual Sunset Harbor Cruise and Potluck Party. Limited capacity! Tickets \$10. Rain or shine. Reservations now: (207) 439-1623.

Thursday, July 28th:

ΔΔ 7:30-9:00 PM - The Matlovich Society: An HIV Update: AIDS in Maine. Hear the results of two recent state-wide needs assessments, done by the Maine Community AIDS Partnership and by the Maine AIDS Development Project. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland. Accessible to the mobility-impaired. Free hotel parking.

Friday, July 29th:

•• 7-9:30 PM - Open House, SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends, share thoughts & ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Send your organizations meeting time, dates and other important information to
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Information should be sent by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition.

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AUGUST CALENDAR PREVIEW

Monday, August 1st:

•Δ 7:00-9:30 PM - Self-help support group, SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Focus is on healing & recovery. FMI, 725-7632.

Wednesday, August 3rd:

ΔΔ 6:00-9:00 PM - Referendum Training. Offices of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson, 100 Middle St. Portland, 5th floor. (This is a safe space). FMI, call Winnie at CPR office, 879-1342.

Friday, August 5th:

•Δ 7:00-9:30 PM - Open House at SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Meet new friends, share thoughts, ideas or kick back & relax. FMI, 725-7632.

Sunday, August 7th:

•Δ 7:00-9:30 PM - Spirituality & Empowerment gathering at SAFE SPACE WOMEN'S CENTER OF MAINE, 67 Main St., Topsham. Connect with your inner spiritual guidance through stories, ritual and meditation. Non-denominational. FMI, 725-7632.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL DATES:

Thursday - Monday, August 18th-22nd:

•Δ **Womensphere Summer Retreat for Women**, Walnut Hill in Raymond, NH. Workshops, games, dancing, entertainment, concert featuring LATE AUGUST. \$80 for weekend pass including food; \$25 additional for lodging on site. For brochure call (603) 659-2139 or write Keryn & June, 20 Bay Road, Lot 19, Newmarket, NH 03857.

Thursday - Sunday, August 25th-28th:

•Δ **Maine-ly For You Womyn's Music Festival**, featuring Kay Gardiner, Monica Grant, Jamie Anderson, Angela Motter, Yagottawanna, & DJ Deb. Workshops, vendors, line dancing, sports. On a pristine lake in Western Maine. FMI, (207) 583-6980.

MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen

MONEY TALK: The Budgeting Dilemma

by Peter J. Callnan, CPA

One of the most critical components in the process of financial planning involves budgeting. It is also one of the least liked. Let's face it, nobody likes living within a budget, but in reality, we all do it. We live within the budget of our earnings, and sometimes more when we take on debt with credit cards, etc. Budgets can, however, be your most powerful tool in financial planning. They allow you to control your money rather than having your money control you. So, go ahead and empower yourself by developing a budget.

The key to developing a budget that works is to start with reality. Track your actual monthly expenditures either by reviewing your check book, keeping a log of cash disbursements or a combination of both. It if helps, list them in a cash flow analysis format to actually see how you spend your money. Start with your checkbook cash balance at the beginning of a month. Then deduct all of the checks you write and all of the cash expenditures you make until you reach the ending cash balance. This "snapshot" of your spending will provide you with the information you need to start budgeting.

The next step in the process is to determine how much surplus is available for financial planning after paying for needed living expenses. There is no magic dollar amount. Starting with \$100 a month is as good as starting with \$1,000 a month if that's what you can manage. If you have no surplus, or you want to increase the surplus, then the purpose of this exercise could be to determine which areas can be better managed to generate a larger surplus. In other words, to help determine where you can spend less. Perhaps having dinner out only once a week rather than three times would be one way to increase your surplus. It is a matter of personal choice when it comes to spending or not spending your money. Developing a budget is a method of making that decision and taking control of your earnings. Remember, it will not increase your surplus if you merely spend it some other way.

That bring me to the next step. Take your surplus and invest it to reach your financial goals. Use your budget to provide the money and then make funding your financial goals part of the budget. Maybe your goal is purchasing a house. Start making a house payment to yourself. Before you know it, you'll have enough for the down payment and be accustomed to budgeting for the mortgage payment.

Keep in mind, a budget is a financial tool to reach your financial goals. It can empower you by giving you control over your earnings, but it is not set in stone. Don't discard your budget if one month you blow it. Anyone who has a budget can tell you that this happens. Budgets are flexible. The key is to revisit it occasionally and make revisions as needed. It is not meant to be restrictive. It is meant to be helpful. Good luck! ΔΔ

INTRODUCING: Safe Space Women's Center of Maine

by P. Hayes, Special Features Writer

The newly hung sign at 67 Main Street in Topsham reads "Safe Space Women's Center of Maine." Inside is a beautifully renovated home, but even the sparkling tile and wood floor's glow cannot outshine the love and hope with which Safe Space has been created.

Our days whisk by consumed by work, commitments, day care and microwave dinners. We converse with answering machines and automated voices. We play phone tag with those we love promising time together, but that time



Safe Space Women's Center-Topsham

never surfaces in the everyday flood of life.

Safe Space Women's Center of Maine offers respite from these overloaded days by offering women of all ages and backgrounds an environment in which one can learn new skills, expand their options, or just relax, in the



company of friends.

Both Carla Jean Gill and Ariel Rose Gill, founders of Safe Space, are experienced in women's issues. Carla is an advocate against child abuse and a group facilitator dealing with conflict resolution, recovery, self-esteem and empowerment. Ariel is a teacher, healer and crafter. She has worked with women's groups around the country for twenty-five years.

Together, Carla and Ariel will open Safe Space to the public with an open house on Friday evening, July 15th, at 7:00 PM.

Safe Space will be open every Monday and Friday evening from 7-9:30 PM. On Monday evenings a support group will be held in the McNally meeting room. All women are welcome regardless of the issues they face. The steps to growth and peace are not to be taken alone, according to the beliefs of the founders of Safe Space.

Fridays will continue to be an open house, allowing newcomers to explore, and old friends to have time together. First Sundays of the month will offer Spirituality and Empowerment time from 7-9:30 PM.

Throughout the year, Safe Space will sponsor professional workshops on life skills, self-esteem, journal writing, creative expression and diversity in community.

A creativity night is planned once a month where one can bring her own

project to work on or learn a new one. The Creativity room, dedicated to Beth Schine, is always open during Safe Space hours for anyone's use and enjoyment. Supplies are available or bring your own.

Carla and Ariel are accepting donations to increase the offerings in their rapidly growing library. Books presently available cover a wide range of topics from women's issues, novels and poetry to creativity and bird watching. The library also offers updated listings on community activities, health and social services.

Safe Space Women's Center of Maine is a non-profit organization providing women with a variety of ways to come together, to learn and to grow. Our grandmothers and great-grandmothers shared the company of women through their time-honored quilting bees. Now Carla and Ariel Gill offer us the same chance for community by opening the doors of Safe Space. For more information or to be placed on their mailing list, write Safe Space Women's Center of Maine, P. O. Box 112, Topsham, Maine 04086 or call (207) 725-7632.

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ML/GPA is a statewide, non-partisan organization formed to educate the general public, politicians, and media on L/G issues. Primary goals are to involve the L/G community in Maine's political process, promote civil rights, develop and review legislation, endorse candidates, build a coalition, and oppose anti-gay legislation and referenda. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month in Augusta. FMI call 1-800-55-MLGPA.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a support, advocacy and educational group for parents, families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of every month at Pride's Corner Church, Westbrook. For resource and meeting information call Rita at 766-5158.

Northern Lambda Nord is an educational, informational, social, and service organization serving lesbian, gay, and bisexual people in northern Maine and New Brunswick. Meetings are 2nd Sunday of every month at 1 pm (ME), 2 pm (N-B), at Lions Community Ctr., High St., Caribou, and can be reached every Wednesday by The Phoneline in addition to hosting special events for recreation and action. Call 207/498-2088.

The Matlovich Society is an educational and cultural organization of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men, and friends committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive environment. Meetings on the second and fourth Thursday every month at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring St. Portland. Free parking and accessible to the mobility-impaired. Call 207/773-1209.

National Association of Social Workers, ME Chapter, Sexual Minority Issues Committee welcomes new social work members. Our purpose is to educate, provide resources, and lobby legislators on issues involving sexual minorities in Maine. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5 pm at the Community Counseling Ctr., 343 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call Perry Sutherland, 874-1030.

AA Gay and Lesbian Speaker/Discussion meeting every Thursday, 7:00 pm in Saco. Great meeting at The Open Hand on School St. Come share your experience and hope. FMI, call 934-5701.

HATE CRIMES & BIAS INCIDENTS: Have you or someone you know been a victim? Call the Civil Rights Section of the Maine Department of the Attorney General - 626-8844.

MUSIC

Women In Harmony is an eclectic choral ensemble open to all women regardless of age, race, religion, or sexual orientation. If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering organizational skills, send SASE (including your phone number) to P.O. Box 7944, Portland, ME. 04112, or call 772-0013.

Maine Gay Men's Chorus is a community chorus which brings men together to enhance social tolerance and diversity in the Greater Portland area, as well as affirming the gay/lesbian experience with creative and lively musical entertainment. FMI call 883-8099 or write M.G.M.C., P.O. Box 10391, Portland, ME. 04104.

A new **Women's Jazz Ensemble** aims to bring women musicians together to sharpen sight reading skills and explore improvisational, compositional and arranging abilities in a non-competitive, nurturing environment. A little knowledge of music, and willingness to commit to a weekly rehearsal schedule and have fun this summer are all you need. For more information write Kate Austin, P.O. Box 7944, Portland, 04112.

PHONE SUPPORT

Region by region

National Center for Lesbian Rights Youth Project: 1-800-528-NCLR.

Boston Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Youth (BAGLY): 1-800-347-TEEN.

Portland:

The AIDS Line: 1-800-851-AIDS or 775-1267. HIV/AIDS related questions, call Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Mon. & Wed. evenings until 7:30 pm. Anonymous.

DIAL KIDS: 774-TALK. For lesbian, gay, bi & questioning youth under 19 yrs.

Ingraham Volunteers: Call 774-HELP (774-4357).

The AIDS Project: 774-6877. Located at 22 Monument Sq., 5th floor, Portland 04101. Call for information and support group meetings in Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick.

Bangor: Eastern Maine AIDS Network: 990-3626

Belfast: Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: 338-1427

Brunswick: Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services: 725-4995

Bridgton: Community Task Force on AIDS: 583-6608 -

Rumford: Community AIDS Awareness Program: 823-4170

Lewiston: Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: 786-4697

Waterville: Dayspring: 626-3432

Ellsworth: Down East AIDS Network: 667-3506

Oxford Hills: Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: 743-7451

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)

Contacts in Maine

(* indicates monthly meetings)

Augusta/Hallowell: 623-2349

*Bangor/Brewer: 989-5180

Brunswick/Bath: see Waldoboro

*Lewiston/Auburn: 783-9789

*Portland: 766-5158

Waldoboro: 832-5859

Contacts in New Hampshire

P-FLAG NH 24 hour Helpline: 603/623-6023

Plymouth: 603/968-7516

Nashua: 603/880-8709

Manchester: 603/668-0741

Monadnock: 603/547-2545

Hanover: 603/763-4603

Concord: 603/746-3818

New Hampshire P-FLAG Meetings

Concord: Meets 3rd Sunday from 3-5 pm at 1st Congregational Church, Washington & North Main Streets. (use Washington St. entrance), FMI call 603/668-0741.

Seacoast: Meets 1st Tuesday from 7-9 pm at Stratham Community Church, Emory Lane, Stratham (1st right west of Rte 101 circle), FMI call 603/772-3893 or 5196.

Monadnock Region: Meets 4th Monday from 7-8:30 pm at Unitarian Church, Peterborough, FMI call 603/547-2545.

Nashua: Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm at Unitarian-Universalist Church, Lowell & Canal Streets., FMI call 603/880-0910.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Medical Support

Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Confidential screening and treatment for STD's for residents and non-residents at a walk-in-clinic. Low cost, medicaid accepted. Anonymous, confidential HIV testing by appointment only. Clinic open Tues. & Thurs., 3:30 to 6 pm at Portland City Hall Room 303. FMI call 874-8784.

Planned Parenthood of Northern New England: Serving men and women, offering annual exams, pregnancy testing, birth control info. & supplies (free condoms!), testing and treatment for infections and STD's, menopause support and more. Evening hours, affordable services, and complete confidentiality. Medicaid welcome. 970 Forest Ave., Portland. FMI call 874-1095.

Identity Support

Out and About is a nonprofit, lesbian (over 18) support and educational group. Newsletter & calendar of local, current monthly events. Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm. FMI, call 603/659-2139 or write POB 332, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0332.

Out Among Friends: Meets Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, in the downstairs club room of the Portland YWCA, 87 Spring St. Lesbian support/discussion group. Free or \$1 donation to help w/rent. FMI write O.A.F., P.O. Box 727, Biddeford, 04005, or call 799-0297, or fax 676-4433.

Dignity, Etc.: Meets third Sunday at 5:15 pm at St. Luke's Cathedral (Emmanuel Chapel), Portland. All are welcome. Fellowship & potluck supper follow 5:15 pm service. We minister to the lesbian and gay community. FMI, write P.O. Box 8113, Portland 04104.

Lavender Womyn: Lesbian/bisexual women's discussion group. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, First Universalist Church, Pleasant St., Auburn, ME. FMI, call 783-0461

Central Maine Gay Men's Support Group: Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. FMI call 622-1888 or 622-4254.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Pizza Get-Together: 1st and 3rd Fridays each month, 6:00 pm. First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland, ME. FMI, Larry Godfrey-594-2957.

Q-Squad: Support group for lesbian, gays, bisexuals, & transgendereds. Serving Franklin County, based at UM Farmington. FMI call and leave message, 778-7380.

TransSupport Group: Meets regularly, providing confidential support, education and social activities for cross dressers, transsexuals, their families, friends, & others interested in gender dysphoria issues. FMI write TransSupport, P.O. Box 17622, Portland, 04101.

Women Survivors of Childhood Abuse: A support group for survivors of childhood abuse and/or sexual assault meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 pm. Free, confidential, safe, facilitated. For more information and location call 874-6593. Sponsored by USM's Womyn's Forum.

Maine Bisexual People's Network: Meets to affirm in all a positive nature of bisexuality and work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities. Support and referrals available. FMI write P.O. Box 10818, Portland, ME. 04104.

Wilde-Stein Club: Meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Memorial Union, Sutton Lounge, UM at Orono.

Lesbian/Bisexual support group: Meets every Tuesday, 7-9 PM, at Women's Re-

source Center 101 Fernald Hall at UM Orono. FMI call 581-1425.

Am Chofshi: A Maine Lesbian/Gay Jewish support group, meets monthly. FMI call Rheatha at 874-2970.

Seacoast Gay Men: Meets Mondays at 7 pm at the South Unitarian-Universalist Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth NH. Support, guest speakers, parties, events. FMI call 603/898-1115 or write P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03802-1394.

Lewiston/Auburn: A new gay, lesbian, bisexual support group for the Lewiston/Auburn area meets every Monday at 7 pm at the Unitarian-Universalist Church on Spring Street in Auburn.

Building an Inclusive Community: Meets to explore ways of building an inclusive and safe community, offering support, activities and education at Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition, 4 Lafayette Street, Lewiston. Call for times. 795-6219.

Parents

Partners of Parents: A group to support gays and lesbians who have partners with children. An informal discussion group addressing issues and situations unique to the non-traditional blended family. Meets every 3rd Monday from 7 to 9 pm at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. FMI call 774-5032.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Parents Group: Meeting in the Augusta area the Augusta area. For dates, places and times write GLB Parents Group, P.O. Box 13, Augusta, Me 04332-0013.

Mothers and Kids Group: Social events and group support for lesbians and their children. Emphasis on inclusion of lesbians in the process of becoming pregnant or adopting. Meets monthly in the greater Portland area. FMI write: P.O. Box 2235, South Portland, ME 04116.

Youth Support

OUTRIGHT TOO: Sundays, 6 pm at Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Harlow St., Bangor. Support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual youth ages 16-22. FMI, call 285-7180.

OUTRIGHT/Central Maine: Weekly, confidential meetings for gay, lesbian, & questioning youth 22 years and under. Call "First Call" at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042 and ask about OUTRIGHT.

OUTRIGHT/Portland: Meets every Friday from 7:30-9:30 pm at Williston West Church, 32 Thomas St., Portland. Safe and supportive discussions with and for gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning young people. FMI call 774-TALK, or 774-HELP or write to P.O. Box 5370 Station A, Portland, ME. 04101.

OUTRIGHT/Seacoast: Meets every Friday from 7 to 9 pm at the Unitarian Church annex building adjacent to the fire station, 206 Court St., Portsmouth NH. FMI call Teenline at 1-800-639-6095 or write P.O. Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03801.

HIV Related Support Meetings

Portland:

Mondays: HIV negative partners of people living with HIV, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Tuesdays: People Living with HIV disease and all friends, families, lovers, and caregivers, 10:30 am-Noon.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Living Well focuses on quality of life and empowerment for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Thursdays: Women Living with HIV meets from 1:15-2:45 pm. Men Living with HIV meets from 5:30-7 pm.

The above Portland support groups meet at The AIDS Project, 22 Monument Sq., 5th

floor. Call Sandy Titus at 774-6877 or 1-800-851-2437 for more information.

Lewiston: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Women's Support Group. Call Diana Carrigan at The AIDS Project office at 783-4301.

Auburn: Thursdays: People Living with HIV meets at 7 pm at American Red Cross, 70 Court St., Auburn. Call Claire Gelinas at Andi. Valley AIDS Coalition at 786-4697.

Brunswick: Meetings for family and friends who have loved ones with HIV/AIDS at Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, 8 Lincoln Street. FMI on meeting days and times call Brian at 725-4955.

Gardiner: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: People Living with HIV meets from 1:30-3 pm at the Physicians Building behind Kennebec Valley Regional Health Agency Annex. Call Brian Allen at MASS at 725-4955.

Biddeford: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays: Family and Friends Who Care (about people with HIV disease) meets at 7 pm at Southern Maine Medical Center, Cafeteria #3, 2nd floor. Call Roger LaChance at 284-4102.

Rumford/Mexico Area: Mondays: AIDS Support Group/Phoneline meets from 7-8:30 pm at Mexico Congregational Church, Main Street, Mexico. Call 364-8603.

Androscoggin Valley Aids Coalition: Thursdays: Support for people with HIV & their families. 7 pm, 70 Court St., 2nd floor, Auburn. FMI call 786-4697.

Maine AIDS Alliance

Member Organizations

AIDS Coalition of Lincoln County: P.O. Box 421, Damariscotta, ME 04543-0421. Call 563-8953.

AIDS Lodging House: P.O. Box 3820, Portland, ME 04101-3820, Call 874-1000.

Androscoggin Valley AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 7977, Lewiston, ME 04243. Call 786-4697.

Children's AIDS Network: P.O. Box 793, Portland, ME 04104. Call 761-1872.

Community AIDS Awareness Program: P.O. Box 457 Rumford, ME 04276. Call 823-4170.

Community Task Force on AIDS Educ.: P.O. Box 941, Naples, ME 04055. Call 583-6608.

Dayspring: 32 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330. Call 626-3432.

Down East AIDS Network: 114 State St., Ellsworth, ME 04605. Call 667-3506.

Eastern Maine AIDS Network: P.O. Box 2038, Bangor, ME 04401. Call 990-3626.

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Serv.: P.O. Box 57, Brunswick, ME 04011-0057. Call 725-4955.

Names Project/Maine: P.O. Box 4319, Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-2198.

Oxford Hills Community AIDS Network: P.O. Box 113, Paris, ME 04271-0113. Call 743-7451.

People With AIDS Coalition of ME.: 696 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101. Call 773-8500.

St. John Valley AIDS Task Force: c/o NMMC, 143 E. Main St., Fort Kent, ME 04743. Call 834-3355.

The AIDS Project: 22 Monument Sq., 5th fl., Portland, ME 04101. Call 774-6877.

Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition: P.O. Box 956, Belfast, ME 04915. Call 338-1427.

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Portland **OUT AND ABOUT:** 30 yr. old, GWM, 6'2", seeks men who have something going for themselves. I sing and give great massages. #31554

Portland **THESE FEET WERE MADE FOR WALKIN':** 31 yr. old Bi male into walking in the woods and along the ocean, seeks a man to hang around with once in a while for clean fun. #31585

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Portland **BOY NEXT DOOR:** 6' GWM, clean cut, all American guy looking for other nice guys 18-30 yrs. old into getting together for a good time. #30974

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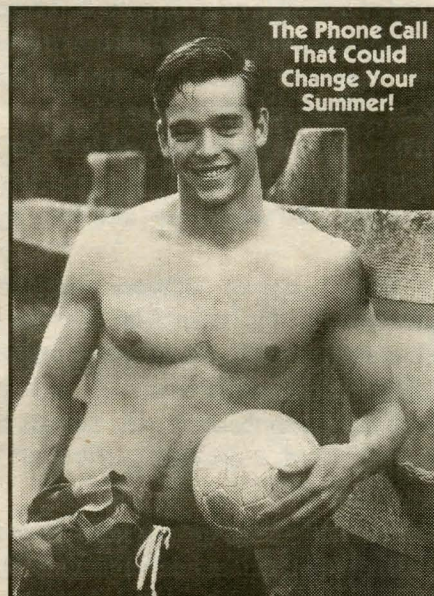
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Maine **OUT OF THE LOOP:** 29 YO, 175, brn/blue. Seeking 18-24 interested in music and sports. I have been out for 4 yrs. #4754

Maine **SOFTER SIDE:** 5'7, brw curly hair, fem. looks, but masc. acting, please be discreet when calling. #1467

Maine **FIRST TIME CALLER:** 23 y/o, gwm, 6'1, 180lbs, great shape, brw hair, hazel eyes, enjoy camping, hiking, movies, bowling, music, enjoy partying occasionally. #4311

Maine **OUR LITTLE SECRET:** 22 y/o, 5'10, 160lbs, atrac., seeks discreet meeting #5092

New Hampshire/Vermont

Burlington **BIG FOR MY BRITCHES:** GWM, 38 yr. old huge fat guy, sincere, honest looking for younger guys who want to be taken care of. #30872

NH **SOUTHERN STATE:** Seeking guy 18-28 for discreet daytime activities. #27537

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603 Area Code **UPPER VALLEY:** 25 yr old seeks guys, 18-26, for hot times. #25438

NH **LIKE A VIRGIN:** 31 yr old exercise nut, 5'9", good-looking. I am a virgin and seeking a discreet guy to bring me along. I like to give. #26076NH **SOUTHEAST:** 24 year old is looking to relieve a little stress. #18501

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DOWNHILL RACER: I love dining out and downhill skiing. I am 6'1" with sandy blonde hair and a smooth bdy. 25 years old. #12281

Manchester **MANCHESTER:** 39 y/o, brw hair, hazel eyes, 175lbs, musclr build, seeking guy 21-35 for poss. rel., enjoy skiing, cooking & quiet times. #1665

CLEAN CUT: 25 y/o, gwm, goodlkg, desires good times with fit guys.(no fats/fems please). #5900

Central New Hampshire, **NATIVE, TEXAN,** 6'2, 245lbs, short brw hair, clean shaven, new to area,lookin for chat, new friends #3842

Merimack, **GOOD WITH MY HANDS:** 34, 6'2, 175lbs, brw hair/eyes. good built, into outdoors, animals, working on things, poke around antique shops, interested? #7280

26, 5'10, 140lbs, goodlkg, brw hair, swimmer's build, enjoy music, beaches, movies, cuddling, friends, seekin sincere guy my age. #4194

Manchester, **SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL:** 23, GWM, 6'1", 168, Brn hair, eyes. Seeking someone about the same. #2777

DADDY DEAREST: bttm boy for daddy sought, #3586

Maldin, **SERVES HIM RIGHT:** WM, seeks BM (N2 bn servcd.) #5252

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston **TAILS, YOU WIN:** Looking for guys to get together with. I am a TP, 29, smooth, clean shaven. LV. Msg. #31797

MA **I'M TALKIN' GOOD:** White male, 32, 6', Brn/Hzl looking for other males for good, good times. I am not into games. #11125

Manchester **TUBE RIDER:** 24 yr. old, 5'1", smooth, attractive, looking for young, slim men in the area. #15685

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Boston **ROUGH AND TOUGH?:** Seeking a guy in the area. I am 5'11", 170 and am well-built. I am very masc and clean. Please be rugged. Race is open. I am inexperienced. #26880

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Arts and Entertainment

From the desk of A & E Editor

Joe Morgan

Welcome to the grand opening of CPR's *Arts and Entertainment* page. While CPR has always had reviews of concerts, movies, books and videos, we've now decided to allot space in each issue for these articles, all in one place. We're excited about this change, and while we'll continue to provide piercingly insightful commentary on arts events of interest to the community, we look forward to branching out in new directions. We hope to highlight noteworthy events for each month and feature an artist's profile. We're always open to suggestions for articles and information about coming events. (Call Joe at 874-0419 or Winnie at 879-1342.)

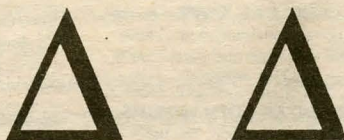
For July, be sure to catch the Rodin exhibit at the Portland Museum of Art, running July 2 through September 4, as well as an exhibit of Winslow Homer watercolors running the same dates, and several other ongoing exhibits.

The Audubon Society has an outdoor sculpture exhibit continuing through July: see the review in this issue. Also, for next month, the Penobscot Theatre Company has announced its Shakespeare on the River production of *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, on August 4, 5, & 6 at 8 pm in downtown Bangor, on the banks of the Penobscot River. Sounds like a fantastic way to spend a summer's night out-of-doors (call 207-942-3333 for more information; admission is \$5.00).

Portland poets have been invited to contribute a poem inspired by the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to a collection as "Hollywood's Famous Poets Society joins the country in mourning this great woman. . . Won't you take a moment to send your poem to: Dr. Richard Huntington, 7095 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 730, Hollywood, CA 90028." The collected poems will be passed on as a tribute to the Kennedy family.

We look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions about this new feature. We want to give the artists of our communities as much support as we can. You can help by providing information on exhibits, performances, or published (or about to be published) works.

See you next month. ΔΔ



Sculpture and the Landscape

curated by June LaCombe
through July 1994 at Gilsland Farm
Maine Audubon Society
118 U. S. Routh One, Falmouth

by C.J. Sullivan

Searching for something to do? If you're feeling like taking a summer's walk, consider taking it through Gilsland Farm. Its abundant natural beauty makes it an idyllic setting for a nature walk. The current installation, "Sculpture and the Landscape," sets up an interplay among the variety of sculptural materials and their settings, enhancing and complementing the surroundings. Each of the sculptures makes thematic or mythical reference to the environment or the creatures of the earth, whether human, animal, or plant.

The 60-acre site of Gilsland Farm is graced with a variety of habitats: meadows, a pond, orchards, woods, a formal-type peony garden, and an enormous lilac hedge that screens one of the parking areas. Forty sculptures make up the exhibition, a number large enough so that each distinct natural area hosts a grouping of sculptures that are harmonious in the setting. Viewers don't have to follow the numbered sequence; they have the opportunity to wander where their fancy takes them.

Approaching the sanctuary along the entry drive, you are greeted by the whimsical "Topping it Off," a colorful sentinel for the exhibit. On the opposite side, perched on the ridge which leads down to the Presumpscot, is "Three Rare Birds" which in fact are

reminiscent of very tall eccentric birds' nests. The Audubon's nature center building is surrounded by an exuberant flower garden, in which reside "Sheba" the cat, fixed in a granite crouch, and an abstract bronze "Dog." The domestic trilogy is rounded out by "Heron Bird-bath," a rusty silhouette dipping towards the water at its feet. The wooded path is studded with a series of vertical compositions; dappled light filtering into the clearing helps to give them a vaguely druidic feeling, especially "Daphne," a slight, goddess-like figure, and "Pulse," which has the appearance of signposts from an ancient culture.

In the orchard area, "Nocturnal Shield" and "Diurnal Shield" have a mask-like formality. They are mounted on metal poles fairly high off the ground, so that their polished geometric surfaces confront the viewer directly. Cuts in the surface of the marble allow glimpses of the lush greenery behind them. "Totem" anchors the far corner of the groomed orchard lawn. It is a massive red pine sculpture of a woman astride a man's shoulders. The figures seem solemnly united by sheer weight, and the rough, abraded surface. An anchored, unitary quality is also evident in "Birds Eye View - Gulls," in which two wooden fish with the image of gulls carved into their

See SCULPTURE, page 23

"OUT OF THIS WORLD" with SONIA JOHNSON

We invite you to spend an "Out of this World" weekend with:

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CONCERT ON REVIEW:

Tori Amos plays the State

by Amsel Ponti, Contributor

Deep breath, Amsel.

Attempt number four at this review, 4:25 pm.

So, this is a review, I think, for the Tori Amos show I saw on Saturday night, June 25th, at the State Theater. I guess the only way to get through this is to share with you my personal experience. I don't know what other people thought of the show, I don't even know if you know who Tori Amos is. All I know is that the show was two days ago, it's ninety degrees in this office and I'm still getting the chills thinking about what I saw and heard. During the Melissa Etheridge show, I danced and was merry. During the Indigo Girls I even got up to use the rest room, but while Tori was on stage, it was all I could do to breath.

There are three elements that make up the music of Tori Amos. First of all, she's got a voice that can soothe you and hold you in its arms and then reach inside of you, overpowering anything in its way. It is beautiful and sincere. She sang a few lines of American Pie for us and even that was compelling.

Secondly, there's the piano. Amos has been playing since she was three. She says music is her first language, not English. Music school asked her to leave because she played by ear and rejected conventional techniques. Tori Amos is one of the best pianists I have heard. Ever.

Thirdly, she writes songs that have such honest and intense lyrics that it's like reading her diary, and being invited

to read it. You don't have to wonder what her songs are about. She tells you. And most of her songs are not about the joys of life. Most are about the pain that we all go through. I don't listen to Tori and cry. I listen to Tori and nod my head in agreement.

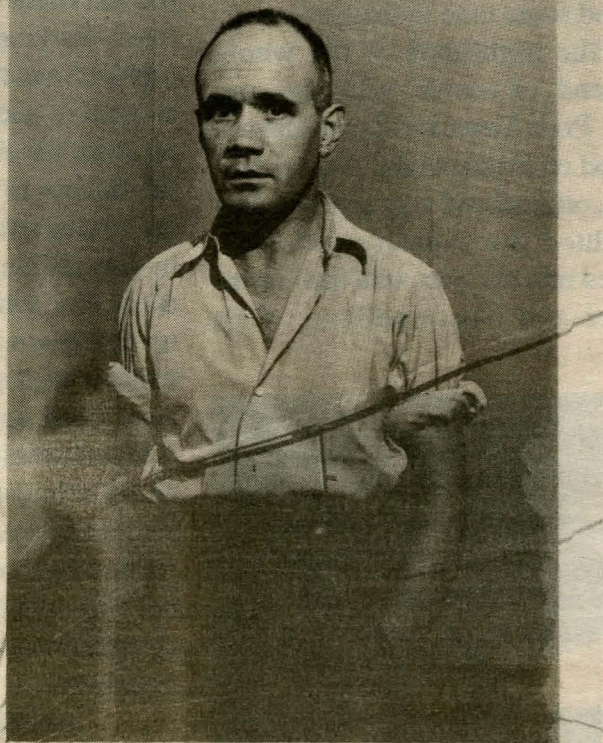
Tori performed songs from 92's "Little Earthquakes" as well as quite a few from her newest release, "Under the Pink". The sold out show began, however, with the Rolling Stones song, "Angie".

I turned around and the man behind me had tears rolling down his face. I turned back around and there was Tori, sitting at her piano, singing this song and then many others, including several encores.

Tori Amos' songs are like friends. Really honest, genuine, loving friends. I don't think they're trying to prove anything to anyone, or at least, not to me. ΔΔ

GENET

A BIOGRAPHY



EDMUND WHITE

BOOKS ON REVIEW:

Genet - A Biography by Edmund White Alfred A. Knopf, Publisher

by Bruce Balboni

I love Jean Genet. You'd think Edmund White did too since he wrote a 700 page biography of him, but in the first 100 pages you're not so sure as White goes about demythologizing Genet and telling us that most of the stories, about and by, Genet are at best lies, and almost always self-aggrandizing exaggerations.

Genet was a complex character who avoided publicity and hated fame, yet was obsessed with his place in history. He was a great writer, yet he wondered aloud to certain people if he was any good. He valued treachery and betrayal, yet demanded complete loyalty from his friends. When he broke with people, which he often did, he never spoke to them again.

"It took a long time to betray my friends, but it was worth it." Genet said this, but he meant friends like Cocteau, Sartre and Giacommetti. Genet remained steadfast with his hustler friends and his Arab lovers — people who could not understand his books, but people with whom he felt more comfortable.

White notes that Genet wouldn't have liked him because Genet didn't like Americans, whites or homosexuals. Neither do I. Genet was the classic homophobic homosexual. But, as with all of us, so too with Genet, there are always exceptions. I identify closely with Genet's association with underdogs like the Black Panthers and the Palestinians. Don't get me wrong, I'm not pretentious

enough to claim anything that belongs to Genet, I simply identify with and understand him.

It is most admirable that Genet was a totally out homosexual in the '30s, '40s, '50s and '60s when he stood alone on the public stage in that regard.

I've delighted in his works from the *Thief's Journal*, where we read the loving accounts of Stilitano, the one-handed smuggler, and how he and a friend would compete for the honor of putting the glove on Stilitano's good hand, to Fassbinder's version of *Querelle*, the most authentic film version of any Genet work. A bystander in *Querelle* says, "He made fun of me in front of everyone, including myself." And Jeanne Moreau, who plays a madam (surprise, surprise), says to Brad Davis, the stud of this film, "You know I've dreamt a lot about your prick lately." He answers, "Was it nicer in your dreams?"

And then there's the 1963 version of the *Balcony* with Shelley Winters, Leonard Nimoy, Lee Grant and Peter Falk. This play has all the suppressed sexuality we've come to know and love in Genet. It's an allegory in which Erma, the madam, played by Winters says, "The world is full of whores. What it really needs is a good bookkeeper."

White's biography is the definitive work. Ultimately, it becomes the work of homage you hoped it would be. This book becomes a good friend, one you look forward to reading every night. Nothing is overlooked, from the nuances of Genet's writings to the interstices of his convoluted relationships.

Toward the end of his life, when he knew he was dying, Genet listened to Mozart's Requiem ... a lot. It is one of the most beautiful pieces of music ever written. The perfect melody to die by. ΔΔ

CONCERT REVIEW: Freedom Train

Presented by:
The Maine Gay Men's Chorus

by Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

Just when you think they can't possibly tickle your funny bone, move you to tears, or inspire your soul to greater heights any more than they did at their previous performance, The Gay Men's Chorus does just that and more!

On Saturday evening, June 18th, the historic State Theater in Portland was the setting for yet another history making event. Over 900 men and women, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered and straight sat in rapt attention as over 50 gay men captured our emotions and held them in the palms of their hands for over two hours.

At first, I noticed the vastness of this beautiful auditorium. As I sat waiting for the performance to begin, I realized that what was bothering me was the loss of the intimacy that First Parish or Emmanuel Lutheran affords. Once these talented and generous men began singing, the distance dissolved and the feeling of being in an intimate setting returned.

The selection of music for this performance was no less than brilliant. Each piece built on the Pride I would venture to guess we all were feeling on this particular night. *Light One Candle*, a particularly inspiring piece, ended the first set with the full chorus.

The *Maritones*, under the direction of Delmar Small, hummed into a Gershwin Medley featuring such favorites as *Fascinating Rhythm*, *S'Wonderful*, *Summertime*, and *The Man I Love*. There were 12 pieces in this Medley, and for someone like me, who's 50 and grew up with these tunes,

it was a treat to hear them again.

Following intermission, we were taken on a train ride through the spirituals of *Harriet Tubman*, and *Follow the Drinkin' Gourd*. We rode in chariots, walked the African jungle and heard the words of Chief Seattle in four moving selections. One of the most evocative parts of the concert was the premiere performance of *Stonewall*, words and music written by Rita Kissen, arranged by Music Director, Bruce Fithian. It was a powerful presentation, punctuated by the appearance of a pink triangle flashed on the black backdrop behind the chorus. To have this piece followed by Holly Near's *The Great Peace March* filled me with more pride than I can adequately put into words. I was on a high for sure! From the audience reaction, I was not alone.

Mercifully, the chorus lightened the mood with *It's Not Easy Being Green*. They had fun, the green floodlights added to the lighter mood and the audience loved it! *If I Were a Moose and You Were a Cow* elicited howls of laughter. A message was there, and we all got it while having a good laugh. This was masterful positioning of a piece in light of what followed. *True Colors* saw the rainbow effect wash over the backdrop and one could sense a resurgence of the feeling of pride. *The Rainbow Connection*, a personal favorite of mine, and *Over the Rainbow* ended the program to a standing ovation (not the first one of the evening, either) with cheers and whistles and chants of "more,

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Springfest Womyn's Musical Festival

by Sylvia Sims, Contributor

I was extremely skeptical about the promise of over 500 attendees at Springfest, as less than 100 women, including vendors, turned up at Fallfest, on a cold, rainy weekend last September. I wondered about the capacity of the only large open area to hold any more than that number, and also, as a vendor for a Portland publishing company, whether or not it was worth our effort to haul our books there; but perhaps it was the drawing power of the artists headlining the concerts, or the greatly increased advance publicity, or just the promise of a clear, sunny weekend, but in terms of numbers alone, it was a tremendous success!

The campground was sold-out and three neighboring motels were filled. We were promised "... good entertainment, quality workshops, a gentle atmosphere, friendly faces, lots of fun-filled activities. ..." and we got them and more. The open area where the craftswomyn/vendors and the large tents were situated had been greatly enlarged. The concert and workshop area had been formed out of two huge open-sided tents which easily held the 530+ I estimated attended the Friday and Saturday night concerts.

The vendors were either crowded together in a rather small tent, or had supplied their own coverings. They ranged from potters to

sculptors to drum-makers, basket-makers, stained glass artists—(all the way from Toronto); photographers. A tarot-reader and massage therapist were there as well as women selling everything usually sold at festivals—clothing, buttons, bumper stickers, discs and tapes, crystals, stones, jewelry and books.



Gathering around the Day Stage, you could also catch a vigorous game of volleyball
Photo by S. Sims

And there was "Bella's Dyke Do's.!" She was mobbed all weekend, transforming some of us from our not-to-radical workaday looks into real dykes! Two food vendors, Gloria and Sues' Buns, and Sisters Cafe, offered those who didn't want to return to their campsite or go off the grounds and miss something, a good variety of food, and drink, both for the vegetarian and the carnivore.

An activities area was set up nearby for the athletically inclined, and there were trails in the woodlands among the spring flowers for those who wanted some time to themselves.

The highlights of the whole weekend, of course, were the concerts. Pixie Lauer and Diane Hansen opened on Friday night. Suave, polished, original and very sensual, they delighted the capacity audience, packed into the tents with their lawn-chairs and bug-repellent. Cris

imagination. Carol and Mary of C-PJ Productions, and the many women involved, deserve our thanks for pulling it off with so few glitches. The official count was 531 women registered. Parking, as anticipated, was a problem, and the shuttle van that took women to and from the motels, and up from the limited parking area at the bottom of the very steep hill to the concert area and back down again, never seemed to be there when needed or scheduled, especially for up and down the hill! (A couple of handicapped parking spaces would have been appreciated at the top.) Vendors would appreciate some security arrangement overnight—one either packed up every night or trusted that honesty prevailed. Alcohol and smoking were banned in the entertainment area, and never became a problem.

An informal poll of some participants revealed an enthusiastic response to the festival and many firm intentions of returning for Fallfest, the second weekend of September. I just hope that the weather is as kind, but remember, women, there won't be any blackflies! ΔΔ

Williamson and Tret Fure lived up to their billing and more! Our enthusiastic response to their music, both familiar and new, inspired them to treat us to two sets that, combined, were over three hours long. This was even topped, by Lucie Blue Tremblay joining them on stage for the last number, "Like a ship in the harbor." Lucie Blue herself, the next night, gave us her unique, sometimes wry

Sister Creations

has temporarily closed its doors until a new location can be found. The staff of Sister Creations wishes to thank everyone for their support. Be sure to watch CPR for the announcement of new location and grand re-opening.



Chris O'Leary of Bella's Dyke do's worked her magic throughout the Festival.
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French-Canadian view of the USA, lesbianism, gay rights, etc. in her haunting voice. She saddened us by announcing that she was giving up record-making and going back to school for her Master's in music. Pat. D. a very funny lesbian comedian, opened for Lucie Blue.

A festival like this takes an incredible amount of organization and

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OUT! OF TOWN

by Paul T. Bernard

I'm sure you all have heard of friends who have taken this fantastic vacation trip somewhere and paid this ridiculously low price. How does that happen and how can you do the same? Well, they probably bought into a "last minute" special. These last minute specials are offered by major tour operators, like TNT/Haley, GWV, or GoGo Tours, to name a few. The trade-off for these cheap prices is that you can't make plans ahead of time or be guaranteed that what you want will be available when you want to go.

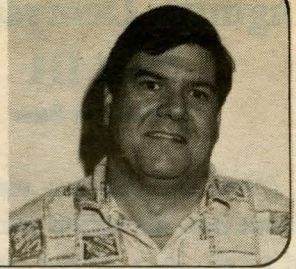
These companies run charter flights to various destinations - the Caribbean, Cancun, Bermuda, etc. About a month prior to the flight date, they take a look at how many empty seats they have on these flights. If they have quite a few, they will put them on sale. Their philosophy is that it is better to have a full flight, so it is to their advantage to fill it - even at a lower price. For instance, if you wanted to go to Aruba in July, you could buy a package that included your airfare from Boston and a hotel for 7 nights for as little as \$569 per person. Or St. Martin for \$549 per person. You could go to Cancun for \$499 per person or Cozumel for \$599 per person. Weekend packages are also available at varying prices.

You can also purchase just the airfare from these tour operators, and it is usually cheaper than regularly scheduled air carriers. However, there is a trade-off. The flights leave from Boston and are limited in number - they usually fly just once a week (typically, Fridays or Saturdays or Sundays - depending on the destination). One tour operator - TNT/Haley - also operates twice a week charter flights from Boston to San Francisco for \$349 round-trip. This compares to the current round-trip fare of about \$650 on a scheduled carrier.

Cruise lines also offer special deals for last minute travellers. For instance, Dolphin Cruise Line is offering a 7 day cruise out of Aruba for \$969 per person. This price includes round-trip air from Boston and all you meals while on board the ship. Additionally, if you were willing to take a chance - you could fly down to Miami and make the rounds of the cruise ships docked there and see who had the best last-minute walk-on price. You can't be guaranteed that you would get the ship or itinerary that you wanted, but you would be sure to find a cabin at a reduced rate.

For those who are interested in last minute travel, there are even clubs that you can join that will send you newslet-

Paul T. Bernard



ters listing some of the last minute deals that you can get. Membership in these clubs usually costs money - but the savings can make up for the membership cost.

One final word of advice - always work through your local travel agent. Don't deal with a tour operator over the phone. Your local travel agent will be able to tell you if a particular tour operator is legit and, if something should go wrong, the agent can assist you in dealing with them. ΔΔ

A big thanks to Studio 101

Winnie Weir & Bruce Balboni

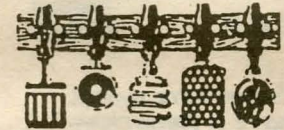
We salute and offer our heartfelt thanks to Studio 101 and its owner, Everett Horr. Everett has been working with us for the past several months doing our film developing, some photography and consultation. This month, for this July issue, Everett has gone more than the extra mile.

Bruce went to the Gay Games and the Stonewall 25 Parade and Festival. He returned with 15 rolls of film! Everett made the contact sheets in record time, staying late, arriving early at his studio, and followed that with reprinting our selections of photos to appear in this month's and August's issue.

Everett, we thank you. To our readers, we want you to know that Everett teaches photography classes, takes our wedding photos, and much more. ΔΔ

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Vaginitis Demystified:

Part III

by Peaches Bass

(Over the last two months, this column has discussed the anatomy and physiology of the vagina and monilia, or yeast infection. This month closes out this series with a discussion of other vaginal infections and their treatment.)

Another vaginal infection is called bacterial vaginosis, or BV. BV is also called hemophilus, corynebacterium, and gardnerella (the bacterium that causes it), but no matter what you call it, it's still an infection. BV produces a foul-smelling, grey, thin, pasty, vaginal discharge. Since gardnerella normally lives in small, harmless amounts in the vagina, an infection results when the pH of the vagina becomes unbalanced. It can also be transferred by penile-vaginal intercourse.

It is thought that gardnerella bacteria interact with other vaginal bacteria to create the actual infection. The incubation period is five to ten days. Diagnosis is made by viewing discharge under the microscope, where "clue cells," vaginal cells with bacteria attached, will be seen. Another method of diagnosis is called a "whiff test" because mixing a drop of potassium hydroxide and a drop of discharge will cause a strong, distinctive fish odor. Gardnerella can be seen with a gram stain, or it can be cultured, and like monilia and trich, it can be detected on a Pap smear. The recommended treatment is metronidazole. Ampicillin, or clindamycin are sometimes prescribed. Previously mentioned home remedies may be effective in mild cases (see May and June issues of

CPR). To prevent recurrences, overuse of tampons should be avoided.

Very rarely, vaginitis can be caused by streptococcus, staphylococcus, or e. coli bacteria. These germs are not part of the vaginal flora; in order to infect the vagina, they must be introduced from the external world. Forgotten tampons, unclean hands or fingernails, dirty dildoes and other sex toys, wiping from anus forward, or inserting anything in the vagina after anal insertion can cause strep, staph, and e. coli infections. These infections are called nonspecific vaginitis, and they are diagnosed when tests for yeast, trich, and BV are negative in the presence of symptoms like itch, inflammation and discharge. Antibiotics are usually prescribed.

When a woman has vaginitis, she knows it. An itch is not present without an infection, and the discharge will not have its normal characteristics. Whether you choose to treat yourself with home and herbal remedies, take a prescription or over the counter drug, you should see a health care professional for an exam and diagnosis; For one thing, gonorrhea and chlamydia, both serious sexually transmitted diseases, should be ruled out. Allergies to soaps, detergents, fabrics, and spermicides (if you're using them) should also be disqualified. Additionally, all the vaginal infections can co-exist with each other; it's not unusual to have more than one type of vaginitis, with the symptoms of one masking the others and complicating treatment. Diagnosis by symptoms alone results in a 20-40% error rate.

If you're going to have a check-up, don't douche or use tampons for twenty-four hours before your appointment. Doing so will decrease the amount of discharge needed for diagnosis. Women shouldn't really douche for more than a few days in a row; if the symptoms don't subside quickly, prescription treatments are recommended.

A few common sense precautions will prevent vaginal infections for most women. Don't douche;

don't overuse tampons; don't use feminine hygiene sprays or vaginal deodorants; don't wear synthetic panty hose and underwear or pants with a tight crotch. Do make sure that you wipe from front to back; eat a well-balanced diet that's low in refined sugar; get enough sleep and exercise, and keep yourself healthy and relaxed.

In terms of sexual activity, make sure your hands are clean before lovemaking. Keep vibrators, dildoes and other sex toys clean, and don't put anything in the vagina that has been in the anus or rectum. Use a water-soluble lubricant for vaginal penetration to avoid irritating the vaginal walls, and avoid abrasive vaginal intercourse. Post-menopausal women may also want to use a lubricant if they are experiencing vaginal dryness. If you're not familiar with your partner, ask her if she has any infections before things get too hot.

A good booklet on alternative remedies is HOME REMEDIES FOR VAGINITIS, which can be obtained by sending 50¢ and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Santa Cruz Women's Health Center, 250 Locust Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

In Maine, a health care provider who specialized in women's health, like a family planning clinic or women's health center, is your best bet for the correct diagnosis and treatment of vaginitis. Some are more experienced than others when it comes to lesbian health and sexuality, so you may have to do a little shopping around. Ask your friends for referrals, too. ΔΔ

The ABC's transsexuals, transvestites, transgenderists, androgynes

Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor

The summer edition of the Tapestry Journal, a publication for persons interested in crossdressing and transsexualism, published by the International Foundation for Gender Education, Wayland, Massachusetts, carried an article about the coming out process of transgendered individuals. While it is a particularly informative article, the part I want to reprint here can best be described as a primer of definitions. My hope is that as we in the lesbian, gay and bisexual community become better educated around these terms, our awkwardness and judgment will dissipate.

- Transgendered - an umbrella term encompassing one or more individuals dealing with transsexual, transvestite, transgenderist or androgyne issues.

- Transsexual - an individual who transitions in progressive stages, interpersonally, physically and socially, aimed at living as a member of the opposite sex full-time. Wishes genital reassignment surgery in addition to hormones and other surgical and cosmetic procedures.

- Transvestite or Crossdresser - an individual who crossdresses on occasion as an opportunity to explore opposite gendered experiences. Wishes to retain original gender role and social position.

- Transgenderist - individual who wishes to cross live part to full-time. Feeling most comfortable in the medium ground between a transsexual and a transvestite. Not interested in genital reassignment surgery, but commonly interested in hormones or other cosmetic or surgical procedures.

- Androgyne - an individual who wishes to take on the characteristics of "either" or "neither" gender part or, usually, full-time. Rarely interested in genital reassignment. Occasionally interested in castration, hormones or cosmetic surgical procedures.

- Sexual Identity or Orientation - indicates to whom we are attracted, whether it be the same, opposite or both genders.

- Gender Identity - basically indicates how we feel inside and what our presentation is to the world.

- Biological Gender - indicates our genital sex at birth.

More information will be presented in future issues of CPR. ΔΔ

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This month, I would like to begin a discussion of *Candida Albicans*, and its relationship to many chronic health disorders.

Candida Albicans is the name of a yeast. Yeasts are in the same family as molds, mildews and fungus. Yeasts and bacteria are in different families, or categories. Friendly and unfriendly germs live everywhere, including our bodies. Our intestines are full of friendly bacteria who work for us by helping to digest foods, produce vitamins and so on. A few yeast hang around also. They don't seem to do work for us, but they don't harm us either, because the good bacteria won't let the yeast grow into colonies large enough to cause problems.

Antibiotics kill bacteria, both the good and the bad, but they don't kill yeast. The past abuse of prescribing antibiotics for anything and everything that had to do with illness, plus the huge amounts in our food supply, are causing the bacteria in our systems to die out. This gives the yeast a chance to overpopulate and fill our intestines so that the good bacteria gets crowded out.

Candida yeast spits out toxins that our bodies have to deal with, which, in turn, makes us sick. It also weakens our immune systems.

Some of the symptoms of *Candida* in our intestines are recurrent vaginal, prostate or urinary infections; feeling worse on damp days or in musty, moldy places; fatigue; depression; headaches, irritability, memory loss or a feeling of being "spaced out"; loss of sexual interest or impotence; sugar cravings; digestive problems, especially bloating, belching, rectal gas, constipation, diarrhea or abdominal pain; unusually dry skin, or skin that itches, tingles or burns; aching, weak, still or swelling muscles, bones or joints; and sensitivity to particular foods.

Answering yes to eight or more of these symptoms means that your health problems are probably yeast connected. If your score is twelve or more, your health problems are almost certainly yeast connected. (THE YEAST CONNECTION, William G. Crook, M.D.)

A stool analysis (a kit can be provided to you by your physician) is sent to a laboratory for testing. The results can tell you if you have a yeast infection in your intestines, and alert you to other medical problems. The lab also tests your stool samples against known medications, and provides you and your doctor with the names of those which will best treat your health problems. If you test positive for yeast infection, you will be given one of these medications, as well as a diet and other self-help directives.

Unfortunately, not all traditional medical doctors are up to date on the issue of *Candida Albicans*. You might need to seek the services of a more holistic health care professional to get to the bottom of it all.

Case in point . . . For years I have had more than twelve of the aforementioned symptoms. I have been told everything from "you need to slow down"

Rose Mary Denman



to "you might want to consider anti-depressants". Finally, during a visit with my chiropractor, I mentioned some of my symptoms. She suggested we do the stool sample test. It's rather expensive, especially since I don't have health insurance, but it seemed the most sane advice I had ever received on this subject. Two weeks later the results were in. I did, indeed have *Candida Albicans*.

I have been taking an herbal remedy and following a specialized diet and exercise program for two weeks now, and I must say, the results have me convinced. Each day I notice that my mood is brightening, that my body is feeling more healthy and that many of my other symptoms are abating. My doctor tells me that in a month I will notice a marked change in how I feel, and that in four months I'll feel like a new woman.

Over the next few months, I'll be writing more about the treatment for *Candida Albicans*. I will include information on the type of diet recommended, along with some recipes that I am discovering . . . recipes that are great, even if you don't have *Candida Albicans*. I'll also be discussing what other treatments are involved as I experience them first hand.

From what I have been reading, it seems it would be worth anyone's while to consider the possibility of having *Candida Albicans*, especially if they answer "yes" to eight or more of the symptoms listed above. Too many health care professionals are treating symptoms without knowing the cause. True healing can only happen when we know the cause and seek to cure it, instead of the symptoms.

If you would like to do more reading on your own, I can recommend the following: THE YEAST CONNECTION, by William G. Crook, M.D.; THE YEAST CONNECTION COOKBOOK, by William G. Crook, M.D. and Marjorie Hurt Jones, R.N.; and COPING WITH CANDIDA COOKBOOK by Sally Rockwell, Nutritionist. Much of the information I have provided in this article comes from these sources. ΔΔ

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Just who and what is MLGPA? --or all the questions you always wanted to ask but . . .

by Judith Carter, Chair MLGPA
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Since 1984 the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (MLGPA) has been a voice for civil rights in Maine. Working with legislators and in coalition with other groups, MLGPA has helped to bring gay, lesbian and bisexual issues to the floor of the Maine legislature with growing success. The MLGPA board is an all volunteer group that meets on the third Saturday of every month. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend the meetings and voice their views. Only with the participation of many different people can MLGPA hope to successfully represent the gay, lesbian and bisexual people of Maine. The following are some commonly asked questions about MLGPA.

Q: What are the goals of MLGPA?

A: MLGPA is working to educate the general public, politicians and the media concerning our issues. Primarily to involve the lesbian, gay and bisexual community in Maine's political process and promote civil rights in Maine.

Q: When I become a member, what happens to my dues?

A: Membership dues are spent on activities such as legislative forums, Press conferences, a toll free phone number, our scholarship, and the more mundane necessities like paper and stamps.

Q: Does MLGPA release my name and address?

A: No, the MLGPA mailing list is only provided to the MLGPA board. If some other person or agency has a message they would like to send to you, they must apply to the board. If those present at the board

meeting approve the application, the applicant must bring the message to the board who will then mail this message to you. It must, however, not be packaged in such a way that would threaten your privacy. No one but the board ever sees your name in association with MLGPA.

Q: Who sits on the board?

A: The board is made up of volunteers who wish to promote gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights. Every MLGPA member is eligible to run for a seat on the board.

Q: Do I have to be a Board member to work and vote in a committee?

A: No. Every one who is interested in Civil Rights is welcome to participate on MLGPA committees and board meetings.

Q: If my schedule won't allow me to come to meetings, in what other ways can I help?

A: A few examples of ways you can help are: clipping articles relating to our issues from your local paper and sending them to MLGPA, volunteering to call your legislator in reference to important bills, contacting your regional representative to see what is going on in your area.


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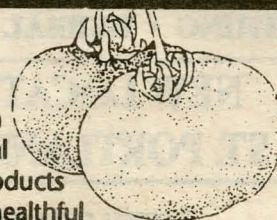
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it had the same result.)

The list of speakers and entertainers is long but it included Harvey Fierstein, PAT!, Roberta Achtenberg, Sir Ian McKellen, Cyndi Lauper, Armistead Maupin and Patti LaBelle among others. Maupin's speech included the warning, "The radical right is the greatest threat to freedom since the Cold War." He implored President Clinton to provide some real leadership in the area of securing equal rights for all.

Fierstein announced that nine world records were established, eight in swimming. Three of these were set by Bruce Hayes, a former Olympic swimmer.

Many people scoffed at the idea of the "Gay" Games saying things like, "Why do they need separate games?" That sounds like the question, "Why do they need special rights?" It's not about special, it's about equal, and for gay people to get up on the world stage and explode myths about athletic ability and what it means to be male and female is powerful and necessary stuff.

Until sexual orientation is no longer an issue these kinds of events are essential, to educate the world about who we are and how varied that is, and for us, to instill the pride in ourselves and each other that we've so long denied.

Stonewall 25 — The March

The Tri-State Alliance (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont) marched to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion. They were among 1.1 million others from all over the world. This march was a little bit different from past New York pride marches and it took a controversially different route.

This march went up 1st Avenue, terra incognita to most homosexuals, and past the U.N., which is ignored by just about everybody. The purpose of this divergence was to demand that the U.N. Charter on Human Rights include gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. ILGA (International Lesbian and Gay Association) has already received provisional recognition.

ACT-UP, with about 15,000 supporters, marched up the traditional route, 5th Avenue, and the police dealt. They blocked intersections as the march approached and then re-opened them as it passed. There were more police in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral than there are in all of Maine. Cardinal O'Connor, whom artist David Wojnarowicz called a fat cannibal (to the chagrin of Senator Jesse Helms) was safely holed up inside, continuing to try to block condom distribution in the public schools and further violate the constitutional requirement of separation of church and state.

The two marches converged at the intersection of 5th Avenue and 57th Street, and the approved march stopped respectfully and let the rebels join. Trying to catch up with various friends etc. I worked my way through the group from Brazil only to find myself surrounded by totally naked marchers. I think they were radical faeries from, where else, Vermont.

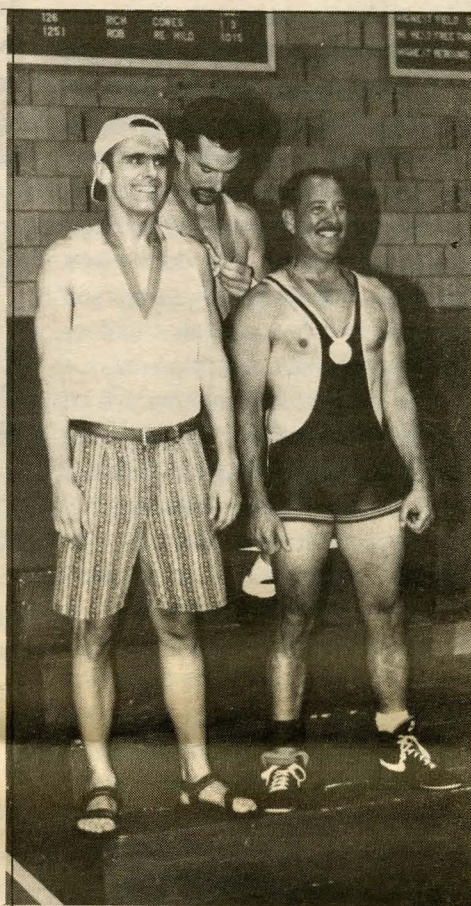
This enormous mass of humanity poured itself onto the Great Lawn in the center of Central Park. This alleged "lawn" should be renamed the Great Dustbowl. Clouds of dust, combined with intense heat and unmercifully bright sunshine to make one head for the shade, at all costs.

The police had devised the most ingenious method of crowd control I've ever seen, and they managed to convince people that it was in case of "emergency." The Lawn was sectioned off into quadrants by vehicle-wide, fenced-off corridors that could not be passed. One had to "go around" to cross from one side to the other. People in the crowd defended this absurdity as necessary in case an ambulance had to get through. I guess they didn't notice the hundreds of police milling about in these "demilitarized zones."

Never mind though, not the heat, not the cops, not the myopia could dampen my enthusiasm. The political speakers got a little tiresome, but when Ru Paul came out everyone who had sought the relief of the outer extremities of the park for shade came running back into the lawn area. After Ru, they

filtered back to the shade, but when Liza Minelli sang there was a stampede. Liza reminded us that this was the anniversary of Judy's death, the reverence was palpable.

There was a dispute over the number of people present. The police offered the ridiculously low figure of 12,000. The New York Times said 500,000. The march organizers said 1.1 million. I don't know why we don't accept the organizer's figure. It reminds me of adults' aversion to accepting what younger people say . . . well, out of the mouths of babes. ΔΔ



B. Balboni Photo

Jim Bruni is awarded the silver medal in the over 36 year old wrestling competition.

Faux Pas from the best of them

Columbia Journalism Review

The following newspaper headlines are reprinted here exactly as they originally appeared in some of America's newspapers. Comments in parentheses have been added for the sake of humor.

• Court orders church to produce woman.

• Montana farmers turn to horses, state officer says.

• War dims hope for peace. (War tends to do that!)

• Alleged woman tosses out of car.

• Old miners enjoy benefits of Black Lung.

• Town okays animal rule. (One time Montana farmer, now a horse, will be mayor)

• Capitol punishment bill called "death oriented."

• DNR Hunt survey to question dogs.

• Supreme Court meets for derisions

• Man on way to Italy to see family killed.

• Three states hit by blizzard, one missing.

• Youth born in USA in Polish Uniform.

• Little privacy in Peking apartments.

• Oklahoman hit by auto riding on motorcycle.

• State dinner featured cat, American food..

• Shouting match ends teacher hearing.

• Indian Ocean talks. (says ships tickle)

• Ford, Reagan neck in Presidential primary. (Betty, Pat angry.)

• Plane too close to the ground, crash probe told.

• Frog races to raise money for hospital.

• Severed leg follows victim after accident.

• Lawmen from Mexico barbecue guests.

• Stiff opposition expected to casketless funeral plan.

• Miners refuse to work after death.

• Neurosurgeons should soon be able to uncross their fingers while operating on brain, a senior consultant claimed last night. (Ontario Medical)

• Scientific police were today examining a headless and armless body found by a jogger . . . to see if there were any suspicious circumstances. (Melbourne Herald)

• Everton, bidding to reach Wembley for the third successive season, will meet Sheffield Wednesday or West Ham if they overcome Luton in tomorrow's replay at Goodison Park tonight. (Gulf Daily News)

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The Writer's Block:

HER

by Dee

She careened into my life
and jump-started my heart.
She read my soul through spectacles of bemused wonder.
We shared, not to compare
we'd been there.
And we cared, not to ensnare
for we'd unshackled imposed imprisonments.
A melding of two worlds
interlacing
spheres of contrast.
All reserves cast aside, why hide?
The comfort of inborn knowing
all encompassing, overpowering
yet
with apprehension lingering on the sidelines.
In her arms and through her eyes
I found
horizoned infinity, scintillating sensuosity . . .
over-brimming potpourri of pleasures.
Myriads of magical moments was ours!
We became an unequalled gift
of each other
to one another
We were one-ness personified.
Somewhere between the swirls of softness
and her pillows of pretend
she planted
a seed
of doubt.
So . . .
I
got OUT!

SCULPTURE, from page 16

sides swim over a bed of river rocks, which is similarly formed in the shape of a bird.

In the garden are scattered numerous pieces, including several which seem to present a humorous commentary on conventional lawn decoration. "For the Birds" is one; one of its three components is an actual birdbath. The grouping is comprised of Stonehenge-like diminutive granite pieces of various colors. "Fish Flight" might describe the arc of a fish jumping out of the water, but, interpretation aside, its curious pale rocks strung into parallel arches have a playful quality. I was fascinated by "The Book," moss shaped into a calligraphic design and growing out of a cylinder of rock split into a book shape, complete with massive hinges.

There are many more wonderful sculptures to be seen; celebrate the solstice and the all-too-precious summer days ahead by visiting Gilsland Farm yourself. For the bird watcher, there are trails leading through the woods and to the waters edge.

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more."

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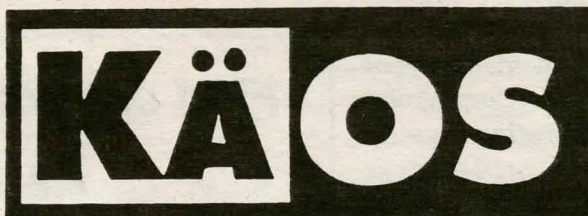
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